



Pumpkin graveyard

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Dozens of Jack-o-lanterns formed a Pumpkin Graveyard on the corner of Grand and Woodward Ave. in Indian Head last weekend. Community members were invited to add their carved pumpkins to the display after Halloween. On Monday, the pumpkins were delivered to a local farm as “treats” for the animals. A similar initiative was organized by Wolseley Public Library.

Local man charged in Weyburn-area highway shooting death

Suspect is Qu’Appelle business owner Chris Fahlman

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes has charged a 42-year-old Regina man in connection with the September shooting death of a woman near Weyburn.

Police say Chris Fahlman was arrested in Regina on Nov. 1 following a nearly two-month investigation into the death of 44-year-old Tanya Myers.

Myers was a passenger in one of two vehicles travelling along Highway 39 on Sept. 12, when both were struck by bullets. She was pronounced dead after the shooting, which prompted a large-scale investigation by RCMP Major Crimes, with assistance from the Weyburn Police

Service and other provincial law enforcement agencies.

“Tanya’s death left her family, friends, and the community mourning,” said Insp. Ashley St. Germaine, Senior Investigative Officer with the Saskatchewan RCMP’s Major Crimes Branch during a news conference on Nov. 3. “Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes has been diligently investigating the circumstances of Tanya. They have now determined some of those answers. We were able to share them with Tanya’s loved ones this weekend and can now share them with the public.”

“Our investigators determined an adult male discharged the firearm that struck the vehicles,” Insp. St. Germaine said. “On Saturday (Nov. 1), Major Crimes arrested the adult male in Regina, 42-year-old Chris Fahlman from Regina is charged with one count of manslaughter with a firearm, one count of careless use of a firearm, one count of carrying a weapon for the purpose of committing an offense, and one count of occupying a motor vehicle knowing that there is a firearm inside. We are not seeking any other suspects in relation to this investigation.”

Police noted that they were not aware of a direct link between Fahlman and Myers.

“We are not aware of any direct connection between the accused and the occupants and the two vehicles that were struck,” Insp. St. Germaine said. “Tanya’s family has been updated by investigators. Our thoughts are with them as they continue to grieve and process this new information. They ask that you respect their ongoing request for privacy. They did want to express their appreciation of the investigation to date. They also wanted to share that they are re-

lieved that the person responsible has been charged, as they can now begin their healing process.”

The investigation saw a number of police entities working together, including several area RCMP detachments, Major Crimes, the Weyburn Police Service, the Saskatchewan Provincial Protective Services, and the Saskatchewan Marshal Service.

“At this point in time, we don’t have any evidence to support that there’s another suspect involved,” Insp. St. Germaine told Grasslands News. “That said, our investigation does not stop now that we’ve made an arrest in this case. There’s still other outstanding tasks to take care of to ensure that the matter is fully investigated and prepared to go to court.”

Fahlman appeared briefly in Regina Provincial Court, twice on Nov. 3 via video, with his matter initially adjourned to the following day to speak with his lawyer. The Crown is opposed to Fahlman’s release from incarceration, and a publication ban has been put in place, prohibiting reports on evidence or information presented during bail proceedings. Fahlman has since been remanded for a show cause hearing on Nov. 6 to decide whether or not he will receive bail.

Fahlman grew up on a farm near Kronau and had recently started his own business, Fahlman Home Inspections, in 2022. The company was based in Qu’Appelle and served several communities across southern Saskatchewan.

In an eerie social media post dated Sept. 13 – just one day after the shooting occurred – Fahlman shared a link to the RCMP’s investigation, stating “this is absolutely disgusting – what is this world coming to?”

After news of Fahlman’s arrest broke last week, the Saskatchewan REAL-

TORS® Association was quick to terminate his membership as a business partner.

“We are aware of recent criminal charges involving Chris Fahlman, a Saskatchewan home inspector,” Saskatchewan REALTORS® Association CEO Chris Guérette stated in a memo to members on Nov. 3. “We want to clarify that Mr. Fahlman’s membership with the Association has been terminated.”

She stressed that Fahlman no longer has access to services the association provides as a business partner.

“We know stories like this can raise concern, but please be assured that we take these matters very seriously,” Guérette noted. “Our priority remains protecting the integrity of the industry and maintaining public trust in Saskatchewan REALTORS® and industry professionals.”



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Long-awaited memorial emblem to honour fallen heroes unveiled

By Ryan Kiedrowski
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After four years of lobbying, David Reed's dream might finally be coming to fruition. A regional sergeant major for Emergency Medical Services in Regina, Reed has been asking for a medal to honour fallen first responders that have died in the line of duty or from work-related injuries.

"Especially for operational stress injury, it gives an open permission to start talking," Reed told Grasslands News when asked what such an honour will symbolize. "To see a pin or the medallion on a loved one on a special event such as Remembrance Day or a police memorial, it's something that we can all reflect and know that person and their family has given the ultimate sacrifice for Saskatchewan people. Now that, to have our community recognized not only by Saskatchewan but hopefully across Canada since we are a leader in Saskatchewan, I would love to see that happen."

That cause for recognition and remembrance has been a vitally important for Reed.

"Every time that we go to a police memorial - be it RCMP, be it Saskatchewan Police Memorial, and other memorials, as we congregated across Canada to remember fallen from the Canadian

Forces - it always strikes me so importantly that we recognize service and we recognize the families and their sacrifices that they gave to the people of Saskatchewan so we can always stay protected and move forward," he said.

Reed spoke during a media availability at the Legislative Building, organized by the opposition NDP. However, that event was delayed after the Sask Party announced they will back a memorial emblem - some 20 minutes before Corrections, Policing and Public Safety critic Nicole Sarauer could begin.

"I'm joined with some of Saskatchewan's first responders, the people who put themselves in harm's way every single day to keep our communities safe," she said. "When a police officer, firefighter or paramedic loses their life in the line of duty or as a result of their service, we owe them and their families more than words. We owe them lasting recognition from the province they served."

As Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Tim McLeod explained during Question Period on Nov. 4, the Saskatchewan Memorial Emblem has been modelled after the Elizabeth Emblem, a recognition awarded to family members of fallen public servants in the United Kingdom.

"It is also similar to the

Memorial Cross, which is granted as a memento of personal loss and sacrifice in respect of Canadian Forces military personnel who lay down their lives for this country," he said. "Saskatchewan will be the first province in Canada to have an award of this kind. The emblem will be comprised of a medallion, a scroll, and a miniature pin, and will be presented to family members as a lasting symbol of the province's gratitude and respect for their loved one's sacrifice."

McLeod called the emblem "a measure to meaningfully recognize the courage and selflessness that defines our public safety community." It will also complement the \$900,000 Saskatchewan Protective Service Memorial, which saw its groundbreaking back in September and is estimated to be complete in fall 2026.

"These individuals, the firefighters, the police officers, the paramedics, and other Protective Services personnel embody the very best of our province," McLeod said, looking toward the gallery where a group of first responders observed proceedings. "Names of the honoured will be recorded in a formal register and etched on the Saskatchewan Protective Services Memorial located in the legislative precinct, ensuring that their sacrifice



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Four years later

David Reed has been lobbying the government for a medallion to honour first responders who die while on the job. He spoke during a news conference on Nov. 4 flanked by NDP Justice Critic Nicole Sarauer (left) and Candace Curle, who lost paramedic brother Robbie Curtis to suicide. Members of the Curtis family and first responders joined in a show of support.

is permanently remembered and preserved for future generations."

As for a nomination process regarding the emblem, McLeod stated the province will be engaging with public safety stakeholders to consult on the emblem's nomination process and eligibility criteria.

"To the families of our fallen heroes, your loved ones will always be remembered," he said. "Their legacy lives on in the communities they served and in the hearts of a very grateful province. The Saskatchewan Memorial Emblem ensures their legacy of service and sacrifice will be honoured not just today, but for generations to come."

Sarauer was quick to

thank McLeod and the government for the announcement of the emblem.

"This is an important day in Saskatchewan," she said. "Of course, none of us wish that there was a need to create this medal or to create this memorial, but the truth is too many people don't come home from work that are first responders. We've lost too many lives, and us as a society need to do everything we can to honour that ultimate sacrifice."

In speaking to reporters, Sarauer underlined how the creating the emblem is less about politics and focused on remembrance.

"This isn't a partisan issue, it's about respect; it's about gratitude, and

it's about doing what's right," she said. "The government is building a memorial, and that's great, but we can and should do both. A medal sends a powerful message that the people who protect us are never forgotten. It would provide families of these fallen heroes with something special to pass down for generations to come. We are glad that the government has now changed their position on this issue and agreed to do a provincial emblem, thanks to the hard work of David and all of these first responders."

According to McLeod, the emblem was meant to be announced after the memorial wall project, essentially a two-part tribute.

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Report from the Legislature

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across the country, leading to more opportunities, jobs and services the people of Saskatchewan need.

In addition to economic growth, Saskatchewan is focused on fostering safer, stronger, and more connected communities. Indigenous communities are also benefiting from provincial initiatives. Eligible organizations and community groups can apply for three provincial grants: the *First Nations and Métis Community Partnership Projects*, *First Nations and Métis Sponsorships*, and the *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls+ Community Response Fund*. These funding opportunities support Indigenous-led healing and growth. Grant applications are open **until November 14, 2025**, continuing our government's commitment

to reconciliation and building meaningful partnerships.

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Voyent Alert! to improve Melville communication

By Chris Ashfield
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The City of Melville has launched Voyent Alert!, a new multi-purpose notification system designed to keep residents informed about important local updates, emergencies, and community events. The same system is used in many other communities including Whitewood, Fort Qu'Appelle, Kipling and Indian Head.

The personalized alert system delivers notifications about critical events such as fires, floods, water breaks, and other emergencies, along with everyday updates like road closures and water advisories. The goal is to ensure residents receive timely and relevant information directly to their devices.

City officials say Voyent Alert! allows users to customize alerts based on

their location and preferences. Residents can track multiple locations—such as home, school, or workplace—and choose how they wish to receive messages, whether by mobile app, text, email, or voice call.

The service emphasizes privacy and convenience, promising no spam and only essential messages. Registration is free and simple through the Voyent Alert! website or mobile app, available for download on both the

Apple App Store and Google Play.

The City will be hosting open houses to share information on the system. Open houses are scheduled for Nov. 12 with Melville Housing Authority, to the public at the CN Community Centre on Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. And Nov. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m., and to Cumberland Villas residents from 2 to 4 p.m.

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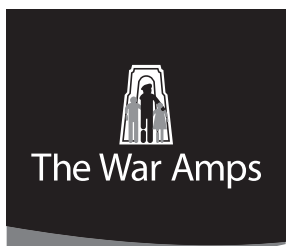
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SHA announces ways to find hospital service disruptions

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

Starting this month, the Saskatchewan Health Authority will begin posting daily updates about emergency service disruptions. The action is in response to concerns over frequent but temporary emergency room closures in health-care centres across the province and the lacklustre methods of alerting the public.

"Between February of 2018 and July of 2019 — so, 18 months — Saskatchewan Health Authority reported 86 hospital closures," said NDP Health critic Jared Clarke during a debate in the Legislature on Oct. 30. "Then, between November 2023 and May of 2025 — 18 months — that number shot up to 643 hospital clo-

tures. That's nearly a 800 per cent increase. Hundreds of these closures have involved rural emergency rooms."

Clarke also introduced the Provincial Health Authority (ER Closure right-to-know) Amendment Act on Oct. 30, with the SHA announcement coming out the same day as first reading on the bill.

"I have heard directly from community members and community leaders across the province this summer that there was frustrations around the notification process for disruptions, Mr. Speaker," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said during the debate. "This is why I tasked the Saskatchewan Health Authority with coming up with a new process. That process has now been an-

nounced today, and I invite the member opposite to take a look."

Derek Miller, Chief Operating Officer of the SHA, told Grasslands News how the service disruptions will be posted on their main website (saskhealthauthority.ca).

"We've definitely heard some of the frustration out there around how people are learning about service disruptions to emergency departments and we've taken steps this week to change our internal processes in preparation for next week when we'll start sharing those updates every day for 4 p.m., seven days a week," he said. "We'll upload to our website any disruptions within the next 24 hours. I think that will provide a lot more clarity for residents of rural and northern Saskatchewan."

A section of the SHA website was already devoted to service disruptions, and Miller explained why it has not been utilized for temporary closure events.

"At this point in time, we have a disruption website although it's limited to disruptions that last more than seven days and most of our disruptions are short," he said. "They're short notice or because we don't have a physician for a shift, an eight-hour shift, or a nurse or a lab technician isn't available or equipment failure. Those are the main drivers of disruptions, but the short duration, so they don't end up going to our website."

Public reporting was slated to begin at the begin-

ning of November.

"Any disruption that is logged for the coming 24 hours will be uploaded to the website, so the public will be able to access that," Miller said. "In addition to that, 811 is always available for the public to call."

The SHA's response in posting closure information to their website is a good start, but some question if it's the best method of alerting the public.

"My biggest comment on the SHA posting updates by 4 p.m. daily is more a question - where will these notifications be placed?" asked Kipling Mayor Pat Jackson. "If they are online only, what about the seniors that are not computer savvy? How are they going to let the people of the province know where they can find this information?"

For several months, the Town of Kipling has been posting ER closure information through their social media — a method the provincial government also encouraged municipalities to undertake. However, as Mayor Jackson pointed out, communication between municipalities and the health authority leaves much to be desired.

"Our municipality has made attempts to speak with SHA," she said. "My best contacts have not been the communications people but rather those in middle management - and we do know that there are many layers of managers - who work in our region. I am really happy that there are some who see the value in open and frank discussions."

Ultimately, Mayor Jack-

son would like to see action above words and trimming the fat in such a large organization.

"I feel that it is time for the Provincial Government to 'do' what they have been saying they are 'planning to do' - a deep dive into the structure and operation of the SHA," she said. "It was touted as the 'be all and end all' of organizations when it was created, however, I can't imagine that anyone in any government expected that it would grow to such a gargantuan size. When it takes two managers to oversee a single person who is a CLXT (both lab and X-ray), it really is an example of what exists throughout the organization. If the number of people at the top were reduced, there would be considerably more money available for the training and hiring of the people who actually do the work."

There has been progress made in terms of staffing rural facilities, as Miller noted hundreds of trained healthcare workers have been added recently.

"We've worked really hard over the last number of years to stabilize services in rural," he said. "We've been successful in expanding the number of nurses that are working in our sites so that we've reduced significantly the number of disruptions that are driven by nursing vacancies."

Adding 320 new nurses and recruiting to an additional 77 positions has demonstrated that progress, according to Miller.

"We've made improvements in terms of how sites

are stabilized," he said. "And then on the physician side, we have the virtual physician program, which is it is avoiding many disruptions in the 28 communities where it's currently in operation or available for utilization. It's really focused on those communities where there have been ongoing risks of disruption."

The result of these actions is that a vast majority of SHA facilities do not experience service disruptions.

"It's really a smaller grouping of facilities that we're focused on that will be impacted by the changes," Miller said. "In addition, we've made changes so that our 811 team, which we operate that service, they will now be the central point in capturing the information and in position to answer questions from the public about service availability in their area."

As for the need for municipalities continuing to post closure information, that decision will be up to them if they want to continue, but extra promotion of the message can't hurt.

"We really appreciate the partnerships that we have with our local communities, the municipalities and towns," Miller said. Our intent is that we're going to have that information available. It'll be online or available by calling 811, and we wouldn't have an expectation for the town to communicate, although certainly would respect their wishes if they wanted to continue to share information."

Fallen heroes emblem unveiled

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"I've met with Mr. Reed several times and I was happy to work with him as we developed this initiative," McLeod said after Question Period on Nov. 4. "I had indicated to him that we were working on the wall first and then we would look at the emblem. Now that the wall is well underway, I was happy to be able to make the announcement today that we're moving on with the next phase of the plan."

As to why the government has taken its time in announcing the second phase, McLeod noted the importance of 'getting it right'.

"It's the first of its kind in Canada, and we wanted to make sure that if we're leading the nation in this, we want to get it right," he said. "We've been doing research to make sure that as we unveil this program that it's going to be consistent with what's happening in other jurisdictions."

The design of the Memorial Emblem will be unveiled at a later date, and the honour will include the names of those honoured being recorded in a Register and etched on the Saskatchewan Protective Services Memorial in the Legislative Precinct in Regina.

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Antique collector shares the history of pottery and porcelain

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Twenty-five people gathered at The Gallery Coffee House in Indian Head on Sunday afternoon, sipping coffee or tea while Mario Isita, proprietor of The Sinking Canoe Antiques, spoke about the evolution of pottery to porcelain. The Sinking Canoe and Grace & Thyme antique shops partnered with The Gallery to host the informal session on Nov. 2.

Prior to owning the shop in Indian Head, Isita worked as an architect and as an art history teacher in Italy. His presentation last weekend provided insight to the composition and designs of ancient pottery and antique porcelain and explained how it was introduced to European markets.

Trade Routes

The group listened

with rapt attention, politely interjecting with an occasional question, while Isita explained how wares were transported in large clay jars from China to Europe in 700 AD and onward. He described the caravans' journeys along the Silk Road, bringing silk and spices from the Far East to wealthy customers in Italy and elsewhere.

Isita noted how world dynamics and changes in empires impacted trade. He explained that shipping routes were established as explorers and merchants ventured further abroad in the 1400s. This led to the introduction of Chinese-made porcelain to western markets where possession of the costly objects was considered a status symbol. The precious items became even more accessible to Europeans in the 1700s when private shipping companies, like the East

Indian Company, began transporting ships full of porcelain.

"Imagine these big ships full of these treasures, very expensive; it was a very risky business, but the profits were incredible," Isita said.

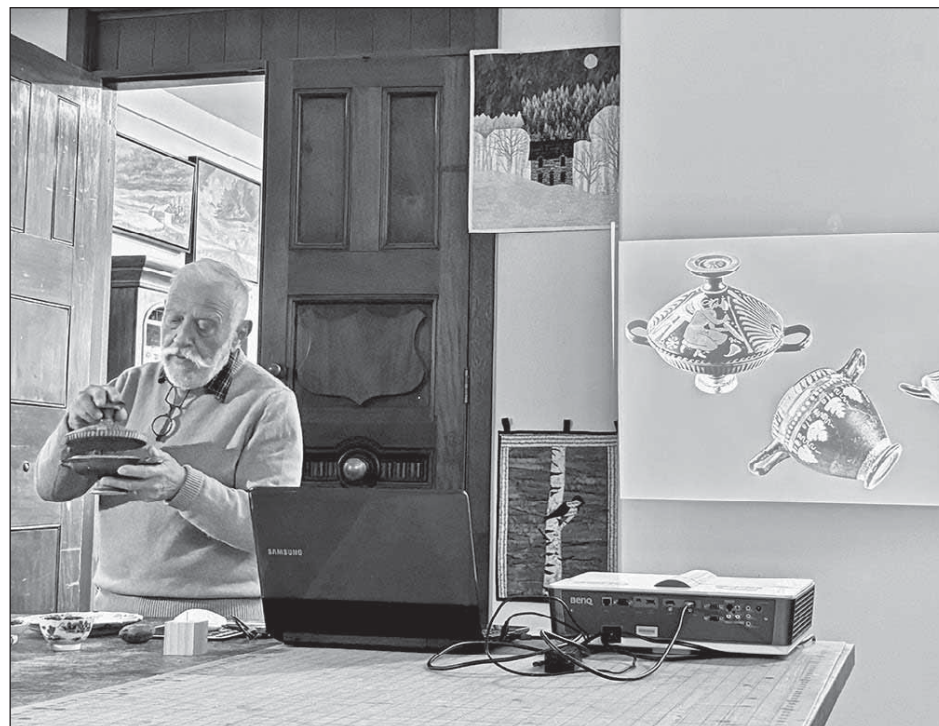
Pottery to Porcelain

Isita provided a detailed history of pottery and the materials used in different eras by artisans in Egypt, Greece, Rome, and China. He explained the ways that colours were added by using glaze made from different minerals, or by cooking layers of clay at particular temperatures.

He showed several pieces from his collection that gave a visual representation of the transition from the dull-coloured containers of ancient Greece to the white porcelain dishes of China's Ming Dynasty. He drew attention to the blue glaze on a small Egyptian figurine that was purchased from a New York antique shop. As an example of Greek pottery, he pointed out the shape and design of a temple kylix that he found many years ago in a field in Italy. Isita then held up a beautifully painted porcelain bowl from China, gently tapping it so everyone could hear the musical tone it made.

He encouraged the group to not only appreciate the beauty and age of the antique items, but also the stories associated with each one.

"Imagine how many persons have used or touched it. People have used these antique objects and all the histories, all the memories are attached to these objects," he commented. "You all collect something, so you know that the nicest thing about the object is not the object, it's the memories that it has. Every age, every person that used them can add something to a little object."



Mario Isita from The Sinking Canoe Antiques shop shared an interesting presentation about the evolution of pottery at The Gallery Coffee House in Indian Head on Nov. 2.

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Antique Characteristics

Near the end of the presentation, Isita provided collectors with advice for recognizing authentic antiques. For example, he recommended that they observe the designs on porcelain pieces and noted that precise painting and brighter colours are often characteristic of newer pieces.

After the session concluded, Isita encouraged his audience to gently handle the pieces he had brought in order to compare the weight and textures.

"It's important that you touch these objects because the feeling of an antique piece is something that makes you recognize if it's antique, not only

the colour or shape," Isita said.

Those attending the presentation agreed that it was both interesting and informative, so Isita has offered to host a second session later this month. His presentation "English Porcelain: From Imitation to Innovation" will take place at The Gallery Coffee House on Nov. 16 at 1 p.m.

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When the surfaces shatter (Remembrance Day)

I'm a freelancer, a peddler. I offer up pertinent facts woven into bite-sized narratives. It pays enough to cover the bills. Most of the time, I simply write the story and file it. But now and then, there are stories that will seep through the page – and bleed out into my own.

The Communities for Veterans Ride Across Canada was intended to raise awareness of the suffering that many veterans endure because of PTSD. Paul Nichols and his wife Terry organized the horseback ride across Canada in 2015. Their goal was to raise money for programs to help those veterans – who had made their way back home – only to find themselves fighting solitary battles along endlessly elusive front lines.

Paul, a Canadian Armed Forces veteran who had served in Bosnia Herzegovina, had been embroiled in such battles for a long time. Paul began his ride at about the same time that I began writing for our local small-town weekly. My daughter and I had come back to my hometown feeling like refugees, though it wasn't a status that we had any right to claim.

Her father had died in a hospital bed, not a battlefield. We'd been driven from our home by circumstance, not gunfire. A month after we arrived, another circumstance led me into the newspaper office. I needed a job. They needed somebody who could write. I went in to ask about the ad I'd seen in the paper the day before, and walked out as their new reporter.

The Communities for Veterans Ride Across Canada was my third assignment. I sat with Paul and Terry at a picnic table, in a park at the far end of Main Street. Local dignitaries and Legion members had just given them an "official welcome." Our interview quickly became a conversation between three strangers, who might have happily become good friends.

They told me about the journey that had brought them together and had led Paul to find help with PTSD through equine therapy. Paul also told me about the chance conversation he'd had, that had prompted him to embark on his Ride Across Canada. After the interview was over, Terry got up and went over to tend to Paul's horse. Paul and I continued to chat.

The scene around us was as close to "perfect" as one could ask for. The prairie air was brimming with all the life that billows out, to claim its moments on a summer day like that. Above us, the sky was a clear, deep, limitless blue. Behind us, a group of women were laughing and talking, as they worked to prepare lunch in the shade of an old wooden gazebo. There were five or six children busy putting the vintage playground through its paces. They seemed completely unaware that such a thing as "time" existed at all.

Suddenly, Paul stopped speaking in mid-sentence, and looked around. There was a darkness clouding up behind his eyes that I could sense more than see. Something had come to lure him back into a place he'd sworn to never be again. Then he looked at me. In that instant, something I had never seen lodged itself in me.

"Do you realize how fragile this is?" he asked. "Do you understand how fast all of this could be gone? In a second, no, less than a second. In less time than it takes for your heart to pump once, this could just, be gone."

He went on to tell me about the aftermath of an explosion that he'd seen. Each detail he described, every shard, bore witness to a perfectly ordinary moment that had been left, ruptured, shattered, incomprehensible.

I walked away that afternoon, scarred by a memory that wasn't my own. I was certain that nothing could ever look the same to me again. Yet as moment after moment settled down over that day, I began to allow myself a little blindness, now and then. Ordinary can be alluring, tempting us to overlook those things that suggest otherwise. There's a peculiar comfort that comes from being lulled into careless complacency. But, now and then, something



snags on the illusion that insists "normal" is something that I can afford to take for granted. Now and then, I see the aftermath of a moment when, time, stopped. Now and then, I remember.

The Remembrance Day Services that we take part in each year are necessary. A vow was made that we would not forget those lost in the "Great Wars." We who remain should honour that vow, pause to reflect on the sacrifices they made. But as we move through the well-timed, familiar ceremony, what is it we remember?

When we gaze (perhaps even through a tear or two) at those images drawn in shadow and light, choreographed to fit the lines of a poem, what is it that we see? So many of us blessed to be born in this "True North Strong and Free" have glimpsed precious little of the truth that Paul Nichols showed me that day (and most of what we do see is safely tucked away behind a screen.)

These moments you and I are living in now might seem commonplace. Do we dare to remember what these moments are worth? That our ordinary moments exist at all,

is a treasure purchased for us at great price. They could so easily become something longed for, precious, forever lost to us. Once the surfaces shatter, we will be left playing with bits of rubble, trying to put them back where they belong. They will never quite fit. Scars will be inevitable. We won't be able to ignore those scars, any more than Paul Nichols or any of the others from among us, who have stood beside comrades who fought and died, and are themselves now fighting to live, can forget theirs.

Will we remember the sacrifices being made now, by men and women who were born amid this same "normal" and are yet willing to cover the cost? Will we remember that even the moments we waste have been paid for in flesh, blood and bone? Or will we stare past the veteran standing beside us, and wonder whose medals he's wearing?

We have a choice to make. Will we remember the quiet warning given on a "perfect" prairie afternoon? "Do you realize how fragile this is?"

- Connie Schwalm, Grasslands

A nation united behind the Blue Jays

For the first time in over three decades, Canadians from coast to coast have found themselves glued to their screens, hearts pounding in unison, as the Toronto Blue Jays battle for World Series glory. In a country often divided by geography, language, and politics, few things bring us together quite like the sight of a maple leaf on the diamond – and this fall, the Jays have reminded us all what national pride feels like.

Whether you're a lifelong fan who remembers Joe Carter's 1993 home run or a new follower swept up in the excitement of this year's run, the Blue Jays have once again become more than just a baseball team. They've become Canada's

team — the heartbeat of a nation that rallies behind them in bars, schools, workplaces, and living rooms. Across the Prairies, in small-town coffee shops and downtown sports bars alike, the conversation always seems to come back to the Jays and their incredible journey.

This year's roster has captured something truly special — grit, humility, and the quiet confidence that Canadians love to see reflected in themselves. From the veteran leadership in the clubhouse to the breakout performances that defied expectations, the Jays have embodied the spirit of perseverance that defines this country. Win or lose, their effort has reignited a sense of hope and belonging that extends far

beyond the ballpark.

There's something deeply Canadian about cheering for a team that represents us all — not just Toronto, but an entire nation of dreamers and believers. Every swing, every stolen base, and every defensive gem has carried the weight of 38 million proud fans. As the World Series unfolds, Canadians aren't just watching baseball; we're watching a story about unity, resilience, and national pride.

No matter how the final score reads, one thing is certain: the 2025 Toronto Blue Jays have already won the hearts of a nation. And that's something every Canadian can stand behind with pride.

- Chris Ashfield, Grasslands

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Melville and District Quilters Guild makes quilt draw

By Jacob Miller
Grasslands News



Quilt Draw

Mayor of Melville Joe Kirwan stands with the quilters who sewed the quilt that was given away in the draw. The quilters include Lynda Hydamacka, Lorna Bakke and Aris Gosling.

are invited to join in the fun and see what you can learn and do.

The guild is also host-

ing their Quilt Show on April 17 and 18, 2026; be sure to mark your calendars.

Melville and District Quilters Guild held their Quilt Draw on Tuesday, Nov. 4. The quilt, *Lattice Garden*, was sewn and donated by Lynda Hydamacka and hand quilted by Lorna Bakke and Aris Gosling. Mayor of Melville Joe Kirwan made the draw for the Guild.

The Guild also donated a Christmas tree skirt to St. Peter's Hospital for their angel tree. Accepting the donation was Tracy Martinook, Co-ordinator of the ER.

The Guild currently has 33 member and holds meetings on the second Tuesday each month. You



MACC donates to Food Bank

The Melville Association of Christian Churches (MACC) recently donated \$225 to the Melville Food Bank. Pictured, from left to right are, Colleen Gorecki from the Melville Food Bank, and Pastor Ron and Dee Bucholzer from MACC.

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Grayson man charged with assault, RCMP respond to collision

Melville / Ituna Detachment
Cpl Dave Kisters

Reporting period: Oct. 29 to Nov. 4

Melville and Ituna detachment area had 62 occurrences over the past week.

Traffic

During this time, Melville & Ituna Detachments responded to 38 reported traffic occurrences or traffic stops that resulted in 19 Charges and 11 Warnings.

Check Stop conducted

Melville RCMP, along with the Saskatchewan RCMP Combined Traffic Services and Regina Police Service conducted a check stop in collaboration with Melville Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD). 166 vehicles were checked

during the stop and only one ticket was issued.

Collision in Melville

Melville RCMP were dispatched to complaint of a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Highway 10 and 15. Melville Fire Department and Melville EMS were also dispatched. Police determined that one vehicle had stopped to turn at the intersection and was struck from behind by the adult male driver at fault. The driver at fault's vehicle had to be towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

Charges laid in assault in Grayson

Melville RCMP were dispatched to a complaint of an assault at the 500 block of Railway Avenue in Grayson. Police arrived and located the accused and victim inside. Melville EMS were dispatched

and checked over the victim. As a result of this investigation, Shaun Walter Bleich, 54, of Grayson, has been charged with three counts of Assault, one count of Assault with a Weapon, and two counts of Assault while Choking. Shaun Bleich was held in police custody and later released on a Release Order to appear in Melville Provincial Court at a later date. This matter is still under investigation.

Break and enter in Melville

Police were dispatched to a complaint of a break and enter to a residence on the 400 block of 2nd Avenue East in Melville. The homeowner reports that some time over the weekend the house was broken into. Police continue to investigate.

Cheque book stolen

A complaint of fraud was received at the front counter at the Melville De-

tachment. The victim told police that while they were combining, an unknown person entered their unlocked vehicle parked in the field and stole their cheque book. This matter is still under investigation.

Noise complaint in Ituna

Ituna RCMP were dispatched to a noise complaint on the 400 block of 4th Avenue in Kelliher. Police were told by the complainant that they had heard what they believed to have been a gun shot from a residence in town. Police arrived and spoke with the homeowner, who disclosed that they had been shooting off fireworks. Police confirmed with witnesses and the occupants in the residence that no one was injured, and it had indeed been fireworks.

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The next Town of Fort Qu'Appelle Council Meeting is Thursday, November 13 & Thursday, November 27 at 7 p.m. at the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle Municipal Building. All meetings are open to the public. Come and see your council in action.

Office Closure

The Town Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, in observance of Remembrance Day.

Garbage & Recycling

Garbage and recycling dates for November are as followed:

Area A Garbage – November 7 & 21 | Area B Garbage – November 14 & 28
Area A Recycle – November 14 & 28 | Area B Recycle – November 7 & 21

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Fall Clean Up

The Town will be picking up yard debris including branches and leaves on the following dates: November 12 & 13

Please have yard debris and leaves bagged and placed where you would place your green bin. Please stack your branches. Black garage bags are permitted.

RCMP Depot Division marks 140 years of service in Canada

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

The wind whipped through Queen Elizabeth II Courtyard outside Regina City Hall on Hallowe'en morning, but the flapping of a red and blue ensign seemed fitting for the occasion — the 140th anniversary of the RCMP's historic Depot Division.

Local leaders, RCMP members, cadets, and community members gathered to celebrate the milestone, paying tribute to the oldest division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the training ground that has shaped generations of Canadian officers.

Sergeant Sophie Bachmier of the RCMP opened the ceremony by recalling how Depot's story began more than a century ago. The idea for a permanent training facility, she said, was first inspired in 1880, when Assistant Commissioner A.J. Irvine visited Dublin, Ireland, to study the Irish Constabulary.

"He was so impressed by their permanent training centre that he recommended creating something similar in Canada," Bachmier told the crowd. "That vision became reality here in Regina."

By 1885, prefabricated buildings shipped from Ontario and Quebec had been assembled on the prairie. On Nov. 1 that year, the RCMP's new training academy officially opened its doors — then known as the North-West Mounted Police training depot.

"Tomorrow officially marks Depot's 140th anniversary," Bachmier said. "And we continue to train those who will go on to protect communities across the country."

Speaking on behalf of the Government of Sas-

katchewan, Michael Weger, legislative secretary for the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, congratulated the RCMP on its enduring contribution to public safety.

"Depot has a long history in Saskatchewan and a proud tradition of producing some of the finest police officers in Canadian history," Weger said. "For generations, cadets have travelled to the Queen City to train to become RCMP officers. Whether they stay in Saskatchewan or are stationed across the country, we know they will go on to make a positive impact on the communities they serve."

Weger said modern policing is increasingly complex, requiring "patience, mental resilience, emotional intelligence, and innovation."

"The skills, teamwork, and discipline taught at Depot set officers up for success and prepare them for the work that lies ahead," he said. "On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, congratulations to Depot Division for celebrating 140 incredible years."

He also thanked the RCMP's civilian staff, calling their contributions "essential to keeping our communities, province, and country safe."

Regina Mayor Chad Bachynski called the anniversary an occasion for both pride and reflection.

"The RCMP Depot is a cornerstone of Canadian identity," he said. "For 140 years, this division has been the beating heart of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, training generations of officers who serve and protect communities across the country."

Bachynski noted the deep ties between Depot

and the local community — not only as an institution, but as a symbol of service and tradition.

"For us here in Regina, Depot is more than a national institution. It's a local treasure," he said. "It's where cadets march with purpose, where values like integrity, courage and service are instilled."

Bachynski emphasized the importance of acknowledging the RCMP's place on Treaty 4 Territory and its ongoing relationship with Indigenous communities.

"The RCMP's story is deeply connected to this land and to reconciliation," he said. "As we raise the flag today, we honour not just 140 years of service, but every cadet who's walked these grounds and every Canadian who's felt safer because of them."

Assistant Commissioner Mike Lokken, who heads Depot Division, said the anniversary is as much about the future as it is about the past.

"For more than 140 years, Depot has called Regina home," he said. "This meaningful connection is reflected even in the city's coat of arms."

He noted that Depot's ceremonies — from the Sergeant Major's Parade to the Sunset Ceremonies and the RCMP National Memorial — are now integral parts of Regina's cultural landscape.

"Depot is home to Regina's oldest building, the RCMP Chapel," Lokken said. "As we raise this flag, may it remind us of our shared history, dedication, and service."

The red and blue Depot ensign, designed in 1991, features a cross and the "lamp of learning," symbolizing knowledge and wisdom — core tenets of RCMP training. The flag



RYAN KIEDROWSKI | GRASSLANDS NEWS

Marking 140 years

A flag-raising was held outside Regina's City Hall on Oct. 31 to commemorate 140 years of the RCMP's Depot Division. Seen here, Sergeant Sophie Bachmier speaks on the history of Depot as (from left) Legislative Secretary for the Ministry of Justice Michael Weger, Assistant Commissioner Mike Lokken, and Regina Mayor Chad Bachynski watch the flag being raised.

flew in front of City Hall throughout the weekend to mark the occasion.

Speaking with reporters after the ceremony, Bachynski said he hopes residents who noticed the flag took a moment to reflect on what it represents.

"I hope people recognize how much history is right here in Regina," he said. "Every RCMP officer across the country begins their journey here. That's something we should all be proud of."

He also offered encouragement to future cadets.

"It's an incredibly rewarding career," the mayor said. "We're proud to host the training ground here in Regina and to welcome people from across Canada who will one day serve in communities nationwide."

Lokken agreed, adding that the RCMP's purpose remains rooted in service.

"The most rewarding part of this job is being able to help people," he said. "Most of the people who come through our gates want to make a difference. They want to serve their communities."

He said modern policing

demands flexibility and empathy.

"Canada has changed — and so have the people we serve," Lokken said. "We've had to adapt and modernize, but our core values remain the same."

Depot Division continued celebrations with a regimental ball, bringing together current and retired members. Lokken said the event is both a tribute to history and a nod to modernization.

"It's about recognizing those who came before us and celebrating the people who are here now," he said. "We're always looking ahead — how we can better serve Canadians in a changing world."

He also noted that recruitment remains a priority.

"At no time in our history have we been looking for as many people as we are right now," Lokken said. "You don't have to be big or strong — if your heart is in the right place, if you want to help people, that's what matters. Diversity in our ranks makes us stronger."

As he spoke, the newly raised flag continued to

ripple against the clear autumn sky — a reminder of both endurance and evolution.

"Every cadet who walks through those gates is part of something bigger than themselves," Lokken said. "They'll see and do things that most Canadians never will. That's what makes this career so special."

For Weger, the milestone underscores the RCMP's central role in keeping Saskatchewan communities safe.

"Just over a week ago, the speech from the throne spoke about a province that is strong, safe, and secure," he said. "The RCMP plays a very big part in that equation."

He pointed to the RCMP's collaboration with the Saskatchewan Marshals Service and municipal police forces as an example of evolving, cooperative policing.

"Crime is getting more sophisticated," he said. "Being a police officer is more complex and dangerous than it's ever been. The RCMP continues to adapt — and we are grateful for the women and men who serve."

Southeast College welcomes new board members from area

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Southeast College has strengthened its leadership team with the appointment of three new members to its Board of Governors.

The new appointees — Jeff St. Onge of Moosomin, Shirley Blyth of Whitewood, and Rob Stephanson of Weyburn — were officially named to the board by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Their arrival restores the board to full capacity, joining existing members John Williams, Jeff Ward, and Judy Okanee of Estevan, and Levi Paradis of Weyburn.

The appointments fill vacancies left by former members Trevor Tessier, who relocated outside the region, and retiring board members Heather Vermeersch and Barb Compton. Meanwhile, the terms of John Williams and Jeff Ward have been extended by an additional three years.

Board Chair John Williams welcomed the new members, emphasizing the significance of their appointments at a key moment in the college's growth.

"On behalf of the Board of Governors, I extend a warm welcome to Jeff, Shirley and Rob," Williams said in a statement. "Their appointments come at a pivotal time for Southeast College, and their wealth of knowledge and expertise will be instrumental in guiding our institution forward. We look forward to their contributions as we work together to fulfill our commitment to



serving the educational needs of our region and empowering individuals to achieve their full potential."

Each new member brings decades of experience in their respective fields and deep community roots across southeastern Saskatchewan.

Jeff St. Onge, a long-time resident of rural Moosomin, recently retired after a 35-year career in education. His background spans classroom teaching, technology consulting and divisional leadership, including time as a superintendent. Known as a strong community advocate, St. Onge has worked to strengthen the connection between education and rural community life.

Shirley Blyth brings an extensive background in healthcare, with experience that ranges from direct nursing care to leadership roles at the provincial, federal and First Nations levels. She has mentored nursing students during their practicums and has previous board experience with both a condominium corpora-

tion and the Community Health Nurses of Canada.

Rob Stephanson, a familiar face in Weyburn, has built a career in accounting, business leadership and education. He has worked as a partner with Doane Grant Thornton LLP, as a controller, and as a head instructor for a business program. Stephanson has also served for more than two decades as a councillor for the City of Weyburn and has contributed his expertise to numerous community boards and committees.

Southeast College President and CEO Jody Holzmiller said the new appointments add valuable perspectives to an already dynamic board.

"We are delighted to welcome Jeff, Shirley, and Rob to the Southeast College Board of Governors," Holzmiller said. "Their diverse backgrounds in education, healthcare and accounting will greatly enrich our discussions and decision-making."

Holzmiller added that the appointments reflect the college's commitment to representing the communities it serves and to strengthening local leadership in post-secondary education.

"Together with our existing members, we have assembled a team dedicated to advancing the mission and vision of Southeast College as a cornerstone of opportunity and excellence in our communities," she said.

With its full board now in place, Southeast College is poised to continue expanding programs, partnerships and training opportunities across southeastern Saskatchewan — preparing learners to meet the needs of a changing workforce and regional economy.

Ottawa tables budget with big-ticket investments—and a much bigger deficit

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

The federal government has tabled Budget 2025: Building Canada Strong, a sweeping fiscal plan that aims to reposition the country amid what it calls “a global generational shift.” The budget sets out a vision to protect Canada’s sovereignty, lower costs for families, and drive long-term economic growth through historic levels of infrastructure and defence investment—while pledging to spend less on bureaucracy and more on building the future.

According to the document, 42 per cent of the budget (\$12 billion) is dedicated to strengthening Canadian sovereignty through defence and trade actions, while 36 per cent (\$10 billion) focuses on affordability measures for families. An additional 22 per cent (\$7 billion) is earmarked for programs that support Canadians through lower taxes and targeted benefits.

Fiscal responsibility and savings

Despite global uncertainty, Ottawa emphasizes that Canada is entering this new economic phase from a position of strength. Canada maintains the lowest net debt-to-GDP ratio in the G7—just 13.3 per cent, compared to over 90 per cent in the United States and United Kingdom.

The government is introducing a new fiscal discipline model that separates long-term capital investments from day-to-day operations. The goal: balance operating spending with revenues by 2028-29, while maintaining a declining deficit-to-GDP ratio.

To help achieve that, a Comprehensive Expenditure Review will save \$60 billion over five years, including \$13 billion annually by 2028-29, through workforce adjustments, departmental consolidation, and digital transformation. The public service, which has grown rapidly since 2019, will be “rightsized” to align with population growth.

A new Office of Digital Transformation will accelerate the adoption of artificial intelligence and automation within government, improving service delivery while reducing costs.

“Government itself must become more productive,” the report states. “By rightsizing and adopting AI at scale, we can invest more in what matters—nation-building infrastructure, innovation, and growth.”

Generational Investments: \$280 billion to build Canada

At the core of Budget 2025 is a five-year, \$280 billion capital investment plan, representing \$450 billion on a cash basis. The spending focuses on four pillars that the government describes as “generational investments”:

- Infrastructure – \$115

billion: Funding for trade, transport, and municipal infrastructure, clean power grids, and public transit. The government plans to fast-track project approvals and attract private capital for “nation-building” projects that will connect regions, expand ports, and modernize water and wastewater systems.

- Productivity and Competitiveness – \$110 billion: Includes a Productivity Super-Deduction to reduce business investment costs, new funding for AI, quantum technology, and electric vehicles, and increased tax incentives for research and innovation.

- Defence and Security – \$30 billion: Canada will meet NATO’s 2 per cent defence spending target this year, five years ahead of schedule. The funding supports Arctic and maritime surveillance, cyber and space capabilities, and major fleet modernization.

- Housing – \$25 billion: Launch of Build Canada Homes, a new federal agency tasked with doubling housing construction to close the supply gap and make home ownership affordable again.

Combined, these investments are expected to leverage \$1 trillion in total spending through public-private partnerships and private investment.

Affordability and tax relief

Addressing rising living costs remains a central focus. The government has committed to what it calls “empowering Canadians” through a series of affordability measures:

- Cancelling the federal consumer carbon price, cutting gas prices by an estimated 18 cents per litre in most provinces and territories.

- A middle-class tax cut that will save 22 million Canadians up to \$840 per year for a two-income family.

- A permanent National School Food Program, providing meals to 400,000 children each year and saving families about \$800 annually.

- Automatic Federal Benefits to ensure up to 5.5 million low-income Canadians receive benefits they qualify for beginning with the 2028 tax year.

- Continued support for \$10-a-day child care, the Canadian Dental Care Plan, Canada Disability Benefit, and Old Age Security.

Budget 2025 also confirms the cancellation of the consumer carbon price, one of the most high-profile policy reversals, while maintaining climate goals through new “Climate Competitiveness” investments in clean energy projects.

Protecting Canada’s sovereignty

The budget devotes substantial resources to defending Canada’s borders, economy, and values in what it calls “an increasingly dangerous and di-

vided world.”

A new \$1.3 billion Border Plan will hire 1,000 new Canada Border Services Agency officers, upgrade screening technology, and enhance intelligence sharing to combat smuggling. Another 1,000 new RCMP members will be added to expand federal policing capacity.

A new Financial Crimes Agency will coordinate efforts to tackle complex fraud and money laundering, and a National Anti-Fraud Strategy will strengthen consumer protections, particularly for seniors and newcomers.

Defence spending will rise dramatically to modernize Canada’s armed forces, expand Arctic operations, and reinforce cyber and space defence. The government will also create a Defence Investment Agency and implement a Defence Industrial Strategy to boost domestic production and secure supply chains.

Building for the next generation

The government argues that the 2025 budget marks a turning point in how Ottawa plans, spends, and builds. Budgets will now be tabled in the fall to better align with construction seasons and provincial planning cycles.

“Canada stands at a crossroads,” the document states. “This is the moment to move from reliance to resilience.”

With global trade volatility, lower oil prices, and rising tariffs reshaping Canada’s economic environment, the government is betting on long-term investments in domestic strength over short-term stimulus.

Canada remains among the world’s most stable and attractive economies—ranking #2 globally for foreign investment confidence and #1 in the world for educated workforce quality, according to the OECD and Kearney Index.

“Canada has what the world needs,” the budget concludes. “We are an energy superpower, a leader in critical minerals and AI, and a nation of builders. This is our time to build Canada strong—by Canadians, for Canadians.”

Political and stakeholder reaction

- Conservatives say they will not support the budget, calling it costly and inflationary.

- The NDP is non-committal, saying it will study the plan before deciding.

- Business groups (e.g., Canadian and Ontario Chambers) welcome the focus on productivity but say unlocking private investment and regulatory alignment remain missing links.

- On the same day, a Conservative MP’s defection to the Liberals added political drama around the budget vote calculus.

Nothing in the budget to see here folks – move on

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

If the Opposition is really serious about bringing down the government, they could find plenty of reasons to do so in Mark Carney’s budget.

But they won’t.

In spite of election promises to control spending finance minister Francois Philippe-Champagne’s budget will increase the federal deficit by \$78.3 billion this year and it projects an overall increase in investments each year over the next five years.

The government is flying on a wing and prayer gambling on the idea that it can kickstart the Canadian economy by spending more on housing and an industrial infrastructure and less on social programs in order to provide “transformative change” in the long run.

The budget points out that as a result of President Trump’s tariffs Canadian unemployment is up, global economic growth has been constricted, and oil prices are low and unpredictable.

In response the budget calls for deep cuts to a bloated public service, curbs on temporary worker’s permits and more spending on large scale projects that have already been announced.

In short, in spite of all the bells and whistles branding it as “transformative” it is under the present political and global circumstances, a pretty conservative blueprint.

There is nothing in this Champagne budget for the majority of who are forced to live on beer budget tastes. Any suggestion that the government will fall over its spending program is nothing more than artificial suspense created by the media.

Green Party leader Elizabeth May will vote with the government, the NDP, without a leader, will almost certainly abstain from the vote. The not too surprising defection of Nova Scotia Conservative MP Chris d’Entremont to the Liberals means Mark Carney’s government needs only one vote to survive a confidence motion.

Conservative Opposition Leader Pierre Poilievre can whine all he wants about the budget but he has bigger problems to deal with as he faces a leadership review.

If he brings down the government with a confidence vote it would force a winter election that he knows full well he cannot win.

Budget 2025 continues to balloon spending and debt

By Franco Terrazzano
CTF Federal Director

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is criticizing Prime Minister Mark Carney for ballooning spending and debt in Budget 2025.

“Budget 2025 shows the debt continues to spiral out of control because spending continues to spiral out of control,” said Franco Terrazzano, CTF Federal Director. “Carney needs to reverse course to get debt and spending under control because every dollar Canadians pay in federal sales tax is already going to pay interest charges on the debt.

“Carney isn’t close to balancing anything when he’s borrowing tens of billions of dollars every year.”

The federal deficit will increase significantly this year to \$78.3 billion. There is no plan to balance the budget and stop borrowing money. The federal debt will reach \$1.35 trillion by the end of this year.

Debt interest charges will cost taxpayers \$55.6 billion this year, which is more than the federal government will send to the provinces in health transfers (\$54.7 billion) or collect through the GST (\$54.4 billion).

Budget 2025 increases spending by \$38 billion this year to \$581 billion. Despite promises to control spending in future years, Budget 2025 projects that overall spending will continue to rise by billions every year.

“Canadians don’t need another plan to create a plan to meet about cutting spending, Canadians need real spending cuts now,” Terrazzano said. “The government always tells Canadians that it will go on a diet Monday, but Monday never comes.

“And the government isn’t really finding savings if it’s planning to keep increasing spending every year.”

Budget 2025 commits to “strengthening” the industrial carbon tax and “setting a multi-decade industrial carbon price trajectory that targets net zero by 2050.”

“Carney’s hidden carbon tax will make it harder for Canadian businesses to compete and will push Canadian entrepreneurs to set up shop south of the border,” Terrazzano said. “Carney should scrap all carbon taxes, cut spending and stop taking so much money from taxpayers.”

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White City

Library Lego exhibit builds community spirit

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

Inside the White City Community Centre this December, imagination will take shape in thousands of tiny, colourful bricks.

The White City Public Library is once again hosting Brick Stories, a two-day Lego exhibition that transforms the ordinary building toy into an extraordinary art form. Set for Dec. 6 and 7, the event brings together builders from across Saskatchewan and beyond, showcasing creativity, storytelling and community spirit in a way that has become a local holiday tradition.

Now entering its fifth year, Brick Stories is organized in partnership with the Saskatchewan Lego Users Group (SLUG), a collective of adult Lego enthusiasts from across the province who build elaborate scenes entirely from imagination—no instruction manuals required.

"It's truly amazing what they do," said Justine Walton, chair of the White City Library Board.

"Everything is built from scratch, straight out of their imagination. Each creation tells a story."

This year's theme, fittingly named Brick Stories, celebrates both the art of storytelling and the library's mission to foster creativity. Walton said the builders chose the name themselves after realizing how naturally Lego connects to the library's values.

"Building with Lego really does tell a story in different ways," she said. "Just like books, art and music, it's another form of literacy."

Previous exhibits have included whimsical builds like a 12-foot-wide Aladdin scene, complete with a desert village, a palace, and a glowing Cave of Wonders. Others have featured quirky humour—such as a Star Wars stormtrooper "dropping bricks" while failing to hit a golf ball under Darth Vader's watchful eye, or a "Brickopoly" parody of the classic board game.

Each display is full of hidden details and Easter eggs that reward curious eyes. One builder even

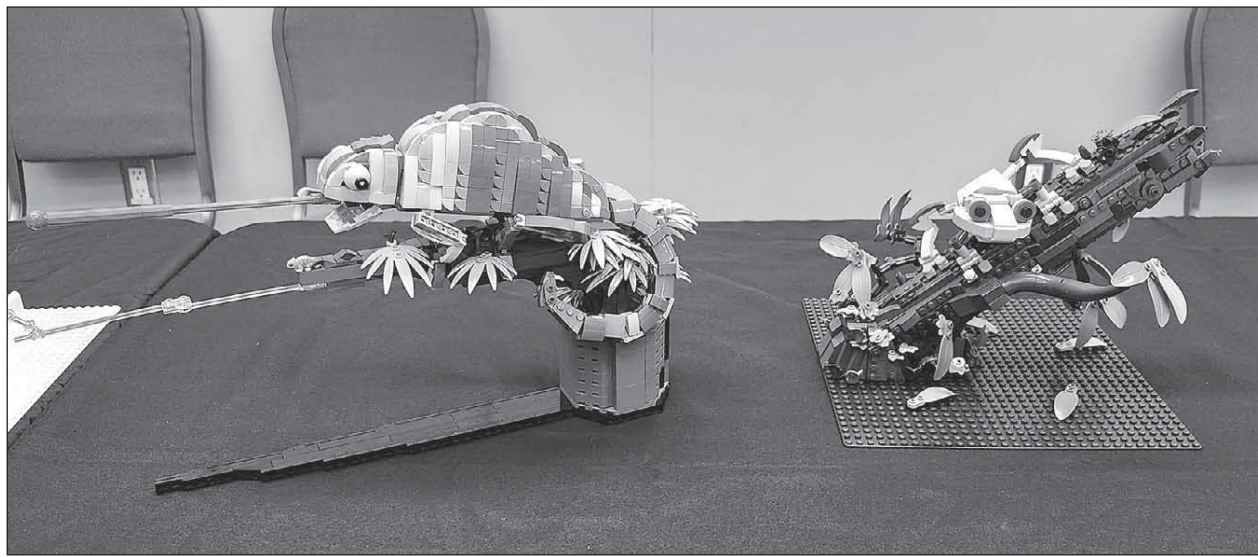


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Lego art

Leapin' lizards! An example of some imaginative Lego builds from the 2024 Brick Stories event. This December, intricate Lego creations like this will fill the White City Community Centre during the Brick Stories exhibition, where builders from across Saskatchewan showcase their creativity.

hid a man reading a newspaper in a miniature fall-out shelter, while another recreated Regina's Milky Way ice cream shop with photo-accurate signage.

"There's so much humour and imagination," Walton said. "It's not just for kids—adults love it too. We've had people come without children who spend hours just admiring the detail."

While Lego may evoke childhood memories for many, Walton said the event draws a wide audience. "People think it's just for kids, but it's really not," she said. "Adults come and are inspired to pull out their bricks again."

The builders themselves represent a range of professions—from teachers and doctors to bus drivers and engineers—

and share a common passion for design and storytelling. All members of SLUG must be at least 18, and many have built their reputations on the national stage.

"One of our builders was even invited to appear on Lego Masters, the TV show," Walton said. "Another built a Gothic house where the roof tiles were black spiders. The creativity is unbelievable."

The group meets monthly to share ideas, test new techniques, and collaborate on projects. For each show, they design modular builds—large scenes transported in sections—to fill multiple tables. None of it is glued together. "They travel with their builds fully intact," Walton said. "Everything comes in bins, and they assemble it on-site like a giant jigsaw puzzle."

What began as a one-time collaboration between the White City Library and SLUG has grown into a lasting partnership—and a significant community fundraiser.

"After our first year, the group told us, 'We see the value in this and we'd love to keep supporting the library,'" Walton recalled. "We said, absolutely."

In previous years, admission was by donation. This year marks the first time the event will have a set entry fee of \$5 per person, with all proceeds supporting library programming. Door prizes, book sales and a new scavenger hunt will add to the fun.

"We'll have 12 golden tickets hidden throughout the builds," Walton said, referencing a Willy Wonka-inspired Easter egg that was a hit at another show. "If you find them all, you can enter for a prize. It encourages people to really look closely at all the details."

The Town of White City and the RM of Edenwold are supporting the event by providing the space at no cost, helping ensure that every dollar raised goes directly back into the library's community initiatives.

"It's an awesome opportunity for a fundraiser and a gift to the community," Walton said. "It's

something that brings everyone together—families, seniors, and visitors from Regina, Indian Head and beyond."

For Walton and the library board, Brick Stories represents more than a weekend event—it's a reflection of how libraries are evolving.

"We're not the library you remember," she said with a smile. "Yes, we still have books, but we also have e-resources, audiobooks, STEM kits, cooking classes, even embroidery and wood-burning kits. Libraries are about learning in all its forms."

The Southeast Regional Library, of which White City is a branch, recently received a \$10,000 Saskatchewan grant to distribute science and technology kits across 47 communities. Walton said that commitment to innovation aligns perfectly with events like Brick Stories, which merge art, design, engineering and storytelling.

"Lego connects to everything—math, creativity, problem-solving," she said. "We even know teachers who use Lego for team building and change management in corporate settings. It's about communication, imagination and working together."

She added that even seniors have found joy in the tactile nature of building. "We had one gentleman who used to do model trains, but as he got older, his fine motor skills made it difficult. With Lego, he could still build and connect with his kids and grandkids. It brought everyone to the table."

Walton, who grew up spending time at the Glencairn Library in Regina, says she believes deeply in the role libraries play as community hubs. The White City branch has been supported by a dedicated board of volunteers, some serving more than two decades.

"Our board is made up of people from all walks of life—teachers, farmers, a chef, a retired nurse—but everyone shares a love for the library and what it represents," she said. "It's a safe space for everyone. We're fortunate to have both the town and the RM backing us. That allows us to be open 40 hours a

week, which is huge for a community our size."

The event has also become a source of local pride. Every December, families attending hockey tournaments or holiday events drop in between activities to marvel at the displays. "We tell parents, if you need a break from the rink, just come by," Walton said. "It's the perfect way to unwind."

As Brick Stories prepares to mark its fifth anniversary, Walton said the board begins planning each July to ensure the event remains fresh and engaging. One board member, a professional chef, provides lunch for the visiting builders during setup, while volunteers handle logistics, advertising and hospitality.

"It's truly a community effort," Walton said. "We're already seeing people asking about next year before this one even starts."

For Walton, the enduring appeal of Brick Stories comes down to connection—between generations, between art and learning, and between imagination and community.

"It's incredible to see a child's face light up when they notice a hidden detail," she said. "And it's just as incredible to see an adult realize they want to start building again."

She paused, smiling. "Lego brings people together. It sparks conversation, creativity and joy. And that's exactly what a library should do."

Brick Stories runs Dec. 6 and 7 at the White City Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Admission is only \$5, and the library will also have a book sale during the show.

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New NAV CANADA drone rules open sky for Sask. farmers, firefighters and rural operators

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

NAV CANADA rolled out a major update to its NAV Drone platform on Nov. 4, bringing new federal rules for remotely piloted aircraft systems that will have a big impact on how drones are used in Saskatchewan. The changes, introduced in coordination with Transport Canada, were designed to make drone operations safer and more flexible while opening the door to new opportunities for rural municipalities, farmers, emergency services, and local businesses across the province.

The update introduced new operation types, including low-risk beyond visual line-of-sight flights in uncontrolled airspace and extended visual line-of-sight operations that allow trained observers to help pilots maintain contact with their drone when it travels beyond direct sight. It also authorized the use of medium-weight drones—between 25 and 150 kilograms—for visual line-of-sight missions, creating potential for advanced applications such as surveying farmland, inspecting power lines and pipelines, and monitoring infrastructure in remote

areas.

In Saskatchewan, where communities are often separated by long distances and municipal staff or volunteer fire departments rely on drones for emergency response or inspection work, the changes are expected to make a meaningful difference. Local operators in towns and RMs can now plan flights with more flexibility through the updated NAV Drone app, which serves as the national system for checking airspace, submitting flight plans, and requesting authorization in controlled zones.

For fire departments and search and rescue teams, the update opens new possibilities. Drones can now be deployed more effectively for wildfire monitoring, damage assessments after storms, or locating missing persons in rural terrain. Farmers and agri-businesses also stand to benefit, with the new rules allowing for larger drones capable of carrying heavier sensors or spray payloads for crop monitoring and precision agriculture.

Transport Canada emphasized that the new permissions come with strict safety and certification requirements. BVLOS operations are still limited to uncontrolled airspace, and operators must ensure

proper training, communication links, and risk assessments before taking advantage of the expanded capabilities. Saskatchewan's wide-open landscapes may make the new rules attractive, but local operators will still need to account for connectivity gaps and ensure compliance with federal safety standards.

NAV CANADA said more than 90,000 drone users nationwide are now registered with the platform, and many in Saskatchewan have already begun adjusting to the new system. The changes align with Transport Canada's broader RPAS certification rollout, which began earlier in 2025 and includes new licensing exams and operator certificates.

By the end of the first week under the new regulations, drone operators across Saskatchewan—from agricultural producers to municipal staff and volunteer emergency responders—had begun exploring how the new NAV Drone system could enhance their work. The updates are expected to help rural and small-town users operate more safely and effectively, while ensuring that Saskatchewan's skies remain well-managed as drone technology becomes a bigger part of everyday life.

Gene Hauta

It's a Strange World

A heated argument at a McDonald's in Davenport, Florida, escalated into gunfire, leaving three young men facing charges and one of them shot. The incident began around 3 a.m. when drive-thru customers Peter Story, 19, and Nicholas Jones, 18, got upset after employee Yoan Soto, 21, said the



restaurant was too busy to take orders. The two allegedly told Soto they would "beat his a—" and threatened to wait for him after his shift. They later entered the restaurant, prompting a confrontation that got the manager involved. The men refused to leave and made somewhat veiled references to a "switch" and a "30-clip." Of course, in traditional American response, Soto went to the back and retrieved his own weapon. Surveillance footage shows he became the aggressor, which was probably warranted. Story ended up shot in the neck. Soto allegedly collected the shell casing and reportedly told a coworker it "belonged to him" before taking it and the gun and leaving the restaurant. Soto was charged with tampering with physical evidence, while Jones and Story face charges of disorderly conduct, trespassing, and failing to leave when warned. The Sheriff's light-hearted take on the altercation: "(Jones and Story) created a well-founded fear in [Soto] and the store manager. It was just a McMess, but we will sort it out because we are McGood at investigating McCrime."

A California engineer and gardening enthusiast won the top prize at an annual pumpkin-weighing contest in Northern California after growing a giant jack-o'-lantern gourd **weighing 2,346 pounds.** Holy, Great Pumpkin! Brandon Dawson, of Santa Rosa, California, clinched the victory at the 52nd World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off in Half Moon Bay, south of San Francisco. Dawson pumped his arms in the air and sat his two children on top of the giant pumpkin, roughly the same weight as a small sedan or a large bison. Apparently, the giant pumpkins can grow by 50 to 70 pounds a day. **The pumpkin champ won the top \$20,000 prize.**

In BC, a coroner's investigator ruled David Creamer's death was an accident. "They told us he had fallen and hit his head," said his daughter, Taylor. "It wasn't really adding up because he was on the couch. And if he had fallen, why was he on the couch?" The same coroner said Julia Howe's death the same day, in Creston, an hour and a half from Creamer's couch, was also an accident. Howe subsequently had an autopsy, and a medical examiner determined the actual cause of death was the **bullet he found in her skull.** A man has now pleaded guilty to killing both Creamer, who had once been his friend, and Howe, who was connected to his landlord. Sadly, British Columbia uses administrators, not doctors, as coroners.

Two girls, 12 and 13, were **found dead atop a Brooklyn-bound subway train** in New York City on Saturday morning, highlighting the ongoing risks associated with so-called "subway surfing." NYC Transit president Demetrius Crichlow appealed for everyone to emphasize to young people that climbing onto subway trains is deadly, not a thrill or game. "Getting on top of a subway car isn't 'surfing'—it's suicide." NBC found there were six subway surfing deaths in New York City in 2023 and twice that the following year. In response to the trend, the NYPD has begun deploying drones to monitor train tops, and Mayor Eric Adams says authorities have intervened 52 times this year to prevent accidents. But some say more must be done, including making subway cars harder to climb.

On Oct. 18, more than 2,700 "No Kings" rallies were held in all 50 states in what is thought to be the largest mobilization against the Trump administration over the president's two terms. It is estimated that about 7 million people protested across the country in an effort to reject authoritarianism and remind the world that the **US democracy belongs to the people,** not to one man's ambition. Some experts have speculated that the demonstrations could be the largest in modern US history.

When Trump ordered the National Guard into Portland, Ore., to quell supposed unrest, an "Emergency World Naked Bike Ride" was organized as a counterprotest. Over a thousand people turned out, some undressed or partially so, and it was fully peaceful, according to police, videos of the event, and the tally of arrests: zero. Yet US House Speaker Mike Johnson declared that peaceful protest "the most threatening thing I've seen yet" in response to the federal troops in the city. "I mean, it's getting really ugly." Okay, Mike, you're out of touch with reality again!

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Art Fest 2025

The Melville Art Club held their annual show and sale, Art Fest 2025, on Oct. 25, at Melville Community Works. The halls of Community Works were packed full of artists and gallery viewers during the Art Club's largest show yet. The event also featured author Jacqui Campbell.



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Remembrance

Dignitaries stand as God Save the King and O Canada begin remembrance ceremonies at the Legislative Building on Nov. 5. Communities across Saskatchewan will pause on Nov. 11 to remember the sacrifices made by Canada's veterans.

Sask. to pause to remember those who served

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Across Saskatchewan, communities large and small will pause on November 11 to honour those who served and sacrificed in times of war and peace. From the larger cities to the quiet village memorials dotting the prairie, Remembrance Day remains one of the province's most deeply rooted traditions of respect, reflection, and national pride.

In towns such as Melville, Indian Head, and Kipling, local legions will once again host ceremonies beginning at 10:45 a.m., followed by the laying of wreaths and two minutes of silence at 11. In many rural communities, veterans' names etched in granite stand as reminders of those who left family farms, prairie homes, and schoolyards to serve overseas in defence of freedom.

This year's observance carries added meaning as Canada marks 80 years since the liberation of the Nether-

lands—an event that saw many Saskatchewan soldiers among the ranks of those who freed occupied Europe. The Royal Canadian Legion is encouraging residents to share stories of family members who served, attend local ceremonies, and wear a poppy with pride as a symbol of remem-

brance and gratitude.

Schools across the province are also hosting assemblies and presentations this week, ensuring new generations understand the significance of the day. In Whitewood and Grenfell, students have created displays of local veterans, while in Fort Qu'Appelle, the

community museum is showcasing wartime letters, uniforms, and photos from the Qu'Appelle Valley region.

As church bells toll and bugles sound the "Last Post," Saskatchewan will once again stand in silence—united in memory, gratitude, and hope for peace.



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Poppy campaign launches with first poppy presented to Lt. Gov.

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

The Royal Canadian Legion's annual Poppy Campaign officially launched in Saskatchewan recently with a ceremony at Government House on Oct. 29, where leaders called on Canadians to honour veterans not just with words, but through continued action and remembrance. Legion members, veterans, and members of the public gathered for the symbolic presentation of the first poppy.

"This moment marks the beginning of a season of remembrance," said Roberta Taylor, provincial president of the Royal Canadian Legion's Saskatchewan Command. "The poppy is not just a flower — it's a promise. A promise that we will remember those who served, those who sacrificed, and those who continue to carry the burdens of service."

Taylor formally presented the first poppy of the season to Lieutenant-Governor Bernadette McIntyre, who accepted it on behalf of all Canadians. The ceremony also included the presentation of the second poppy to Major (Ret.) Keith Inches, founder and longtime curator of the Saskatchewan Military Museum, in recognition of his decades of service and commitment to preserving military history.

Taylor told the audience that while the red poppy remains a powerful emblem of remembrance, it also serves a practical and urgent purpose: to help veterans in need.

"Every donation made during the campaign goes directly into the Poppy Trust Fund," she said. "These funds are used to provide essential services and support to those who have served our country."

Funds raised through the campaign help veterans facing financial hardship by covering emergency expenses such as rent, groceries, utilities, and medical costs. They also support long-term care, mental health programs, housing accessibility upgrades, and educational bursaries for the children and grandchildren of veterans.

"We support counseling, peer support groups, and mental health services for veterans struggling with PTSD, depression, and anxiety," Taylor said. "The Poppy Fund is not just about remembrance — it's about care, compassion and community."

In an interview following the ceremony, Taylor said the Legion's work has evolved to meet the changing needs of veterans, particularly those who served in more recent conflicts such as Afghanistan.

"We've noticed that mental health has become

a growing priority," she said. "Our World War I and II veterans certainly had those needs too, but the programs weren't in place and PTSD wasn't even identified at the time. Today, we recognize it, and we make sure support is available."

Taylor said local Legion branches play a critical role in making that support accessible quickly.

"Veterans Affairs does tremendous work, but sometimes veterans can't wait for paperwork and approvals," she said. "That's where local Legion branches step in — to meet those immediate needs, whether it's for rent, medical bills, or just basic necessities. Our veterans have literally put their lives on the line for every one of us in this country," she said. "To not pay homage and remember that would be, in my mind, a tragedy. We owe them so much."

Taylor also addressed the declining number of Legion members across Canada and encouraged more Canadians — veterans and civilians alike — to join their local branch.

"Anyone can become a Legion member now," she said. "You don't have to have military status. All it takes is someone who cares and who is passionate about remembering the sacrifices made. Every member helps us continue that mission."

She added that the Le-

gion's outreach efforts go beyond Nov. 11.

"For us, remembrance is 365 days a year," she said. "We're boots on the ground all the time, doing our best to assist veterans and their families."

Lieutenant-Governor McIntyre, wearing her newly pinned poppy, said she was deeply honoured to receive the first one of the season — especially given her personal connection to the armed forces.

"My mother served as a radar operator in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War in Liverpool," McIntyre said. "She was proud of her contributions, and she instilled in us the importance of remembrance. To receive the first poppy today is a thrill and a real honour."

Speaking on behalf of King Charles III, McIntyre thanked the Legion for its ongoing dedication to veterans and its leadership in preserving Canada's military heritage.

"Wearing a little red flower on our lapel may seem like a small gesture," she said. "Yet with the millions of poppies sold across Canada each year, the benefits are huge. The donations raised directly support veterans and their families, while increasing awareness of the sacrifices made by members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP."

McIntyre also paid tribute to Inches, who has curated the Saskatchewan Military Museum since founding it in 1984. Over the years, he has collected and preserved thousands of artifacts, including stained glass windows depicting wartime scenes rescued from a demolished Regina church.

"Keith has devoted considerable time and energy to preserving Canada's military history," McIntyre said. "His work ensures future generations understand the cost of the freedoms we enjoy today."

The lieutenant-governor said the annual Poppy Campaign and the Legion's work remain essential to ensuring veterans'



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First poppy

Royal Canadian Legion's Saskatchewan Command president Roberta Taylor (right) presented Lieutenant-Governor Bernadette McIntyre with the first poppy of the annual campaign

stories are not lost to time.

"We must always remember how important peace is — and the price paid for it," she said. "The fallen gave their lives so that we could live in a peaceful society. The least we can do is remember and say thank you."

Speaking to reporters, McIntyre said she has been inspired by the dedication of Saskatchewan's veterans' community during her time in office.

"In the nine months I've been in this position, I've learned so much about the military, the RCMP, and our municipal police forces," she said. "They have many challenges, but they are wonderful people serving to keep our society safe and free."

McIntyre urged people to show appreciation in small but meaningful ways — from attending local Remembrance Day services to simply acknowledging veterans in everyday life.

"When you see someone in uniform, say thank you for your service," she said. "It goes a long way. That simple expression of gratitude means a great deal to those who have served."

She also added that remembrance should extend beyond the formal ceremonies of Nov. 11.

"There are memorial services, cenotaph ceremonies, and community events throughout the province," McIntyre said. "When you pass a cemetery or a war memorial, take a moment to think about the people who made that sacrifice. It matters."

As the ceremony concluded, Taylor reflected on the power of the poppy to bring Canadians together.

"The Poppy Campaign bridges generations," she said. "It reminds young people of the sacrifices made for the freedoms we enjoy today."

She urged Canadians to wear the poppy proudly and to share its meaning with others.

"Talk to your children and grandchildren about what the poppy means," she said. "Share the stories of your parents, your grandparents, your neighbours who have served. Keep the memory alive."

For both Taylor and McIntyre, the message of the day was clear: remembrance is not just about the past — it's a continuing responsibility.

"The poppy is a symbol of gratitude, but it's also a commitment," Taylor said. "A commitment to honour, to serve, and to never forget."



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effort in the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, the war in Afghanistan and all peace-keeping missions.

Nationally recognized

On November 11, Canadians wear a poppy to pay tribute to veterans. The national ceremony in Ottawa, broadcast across the country, is held in the presence of government representatives. It includes a two-minute silence at 11 a.m., readings, songs and symbolic cannon shots.

As a Canadian citizen, join the veterans in your area in this collective duty of remembrance. Contact your local municipality to find out about Remembrance Day activities near you.

November 11 marks Remembrance Day in Canada. Every year, Canadians come together to honour the courage and sacrifices of the men and women who serve or have served in the country's armed forces, and particularly those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Here's a look at

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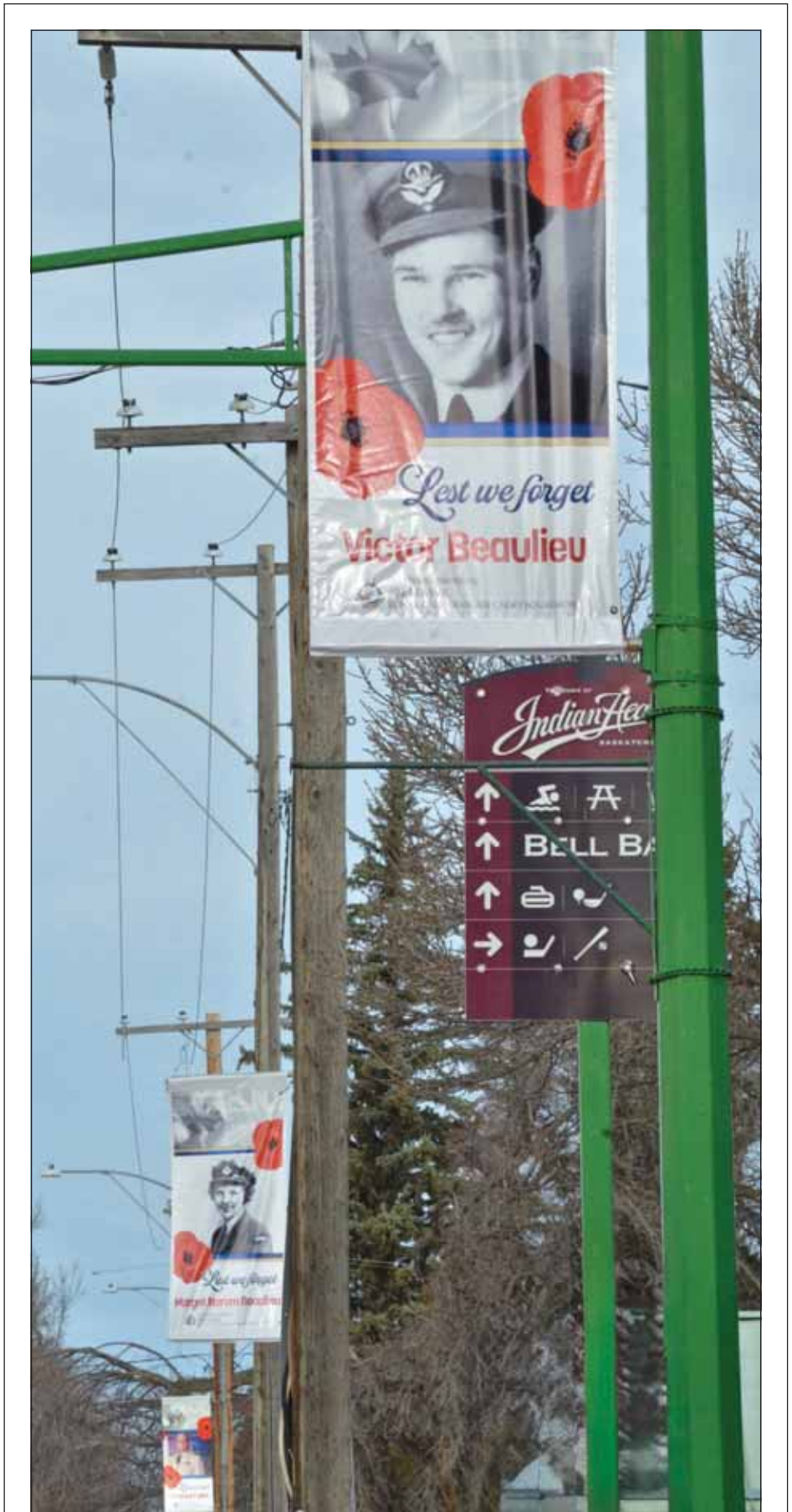
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In recognition of Remembrance Day, banners were hung in Indian Head along Grand Ave. and in front of the elementary school on Bell St. to honour local veterans. Each banner bears the name and photo of a service man or woman from the community. The initiative began last year as a collaboration between the Royal Canadian Air Cadets 691 Hawk Squadron and Indian Head Museum. A few more banners were added to the collection this year.

On Remembrance Day we honour the brave men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Thank you to all those who are serving or have served.
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Remembrance Feature: Garfield Prior

By Sarah Pacio
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In the military room at Indian Head Museum there is a glass case with a leather-bound book bearing the inscription "G.W. Prior" on the cover. The flight log belonged to Garfield Wallace Prior who served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. The book was recently recovered by relatives who graciously donated it to the museum.

Early Years

Garfield Wallace Prior was born Jan. 22, 1914, to Gilbert J. and Mabel L. Prior (nee Gray). He was raised in the Sunny Slope District and attended school there and at Indian Head. After graduation, Prior worked at McCusker Dairy Farms near Regina while studying for his pilot's license. He sought employment with airlines in Canada and the United States but was unsuccessful and instead enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Jan. 1936.

Feature articles and memos in the "Talk of the Town" segment of *The Indian Head News* provided community members with updates on Prior's military career. From 1936 to 1939, he engaged in extensive training in England and advanced through the ranks of Pilot Officer and Flight Officer. He was granted leave in 1938 and spent most of July visiting family and friends.

While training in England, Prior kept in contact with his family, sending greetings on Mother's Day and at other times, but he avoided sharing information about war efforts. *The Indian Head News* from Nov. 2, 1939, noted that "Garfield's letters home fail to touch on the subject at all. 'He doesn't tell us a thing,' Mrs. Prior told *The News*, adding that in one of his letters he stated, 'the very walls have ears.'"

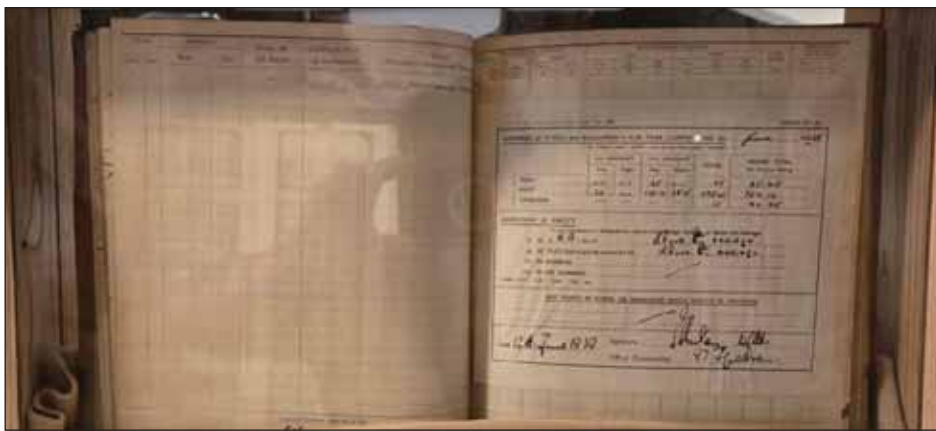
A Hero's Welcome

By January 1941, Prior had been promoted to Flight Lieutenant and returned to Indian Head on his way to a new assignment as an instructor at Carberry, MB. Many people were eager to see him, particularly after hearing a report he gave on BBC radio the previous summer. *The Indian Head News* announced that Prior had returned home and added:

"Last August 25th, Indian Head received a unique thrill as every radio listener heard his [Prior's] crisp voice, speaking via radio from London, tell of his then recent flight as acting flight commander in charge of several bombers over the factory town of Turin, Italy. On that occasion he recounted adventures in the air as bombs destroyed most of the plane works in the Italian centre."

These exploits earned Prior a Distinguished Flying Cross, which was awarded to him on Oct. 21, 1940.

Prior's hometown marked the soldier's brief



Logbook

A logbook belonging to Garfield Wallace Prior was recovered by relatives after 80 years and is now preserved at the Indian Head Museum. It records bombing missions that Prior led during World War II.

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return in 1941 with special celebrations on Jan. 31. That afternoon, Prior visited the schools in Indian Head and spoke with students about his experiences. This was followed by a public reception at the Auditorium (now The Grand Theatre) where the mayor, reeve and other community leaders presented gifts and speeches in Prior's honour.

Following his visit to Indian Head, Prior was promoted to Squadron Leader in Oct. 1941 and reassigned to the flight school in Moose Jaw. Over the next several months he served in Port Arthur, ON and then Weyburn. In Dec. 1942, he attended his brother Ralph's graduation from flight school in Yorkton and presented his wings during the ceremony. Another brother, Gilbert, had previously enlisted in 1939.

Final Mission

Not long after that, Prior returned to the front. He sent a cable to his parents on May 29, 1943 to let them know he had safely arrived overseas. A few months later, the Sunny Slope Club received a message of thanks for a care package they had sent to him.

Early in 1944, Squadron Leader Garfield Wallace Prior went on his final bombing mission with 218 Gold Coast Squadron. A note in the Feb. 24, 1944 issue of the *Indian Head News* indicates that Prior had been reported missing. The Canadian Virtual War Memorial includes a copy of a letter dated Oct. 3, 1944, from the Royal Canadian Air Force to Prior's father informing him that "in view of the lapse of time and the absence of any further information," Garfield was presumed deceased. It was determined that Prior and the crew were shot down and none survived. The online entry for the Virtual War Memorial notes his date of death as Jan. 22, 1944.

It is uncertain where Prior's body lays at rest, but his name is inscribed on the cenotaph in Indian Head, as well as a memorial wall at Canada's Bomber Command Memorial in Nanton, Alberta and the Runnymede Memorial in Surrey, England.

Treasured Artifact

Although Prior died more than eight decades ago, his logbook was only recently returned to Indian Head. Prior's par-

ents were notified that he was killed in action in 1944, but the soldier's belongings were not sent to them. Melnie Beattie, the daughter of Garfield's brother Gilbert, invested significant time to determine where her uncle's personal effects were but met with little success.

Then, six years ago, Beattie and her siblings were reunited with a half-brother Ron Norquay, who had been adopted as a young child. He joined the efforts to locate Prior's belongings and eventually discovered that a Bible was left in Prior's room in England after his other belongings were gathered. It was placed in storage until a family member could retrieve it and, when Norquay obtained the Bible, he found a document tucked inside which noted a fiancé as Prior's next of kin, rather than his parents. Prior was engaged while he was stationed in Moose Jaw but was called back to England three days before the wedding. It seemed that his personal effects were sent to his fiancé, but Prior's family had difficulty locating her.

Two summers ago, the family brought Prior's Bible to Indian Head when board member Ken Turpin began refurbishing the museum's military room. It was suggested that a display be created to honour Garfield Prior, but this was challenging with minimal memorabilia available. Yet, Turpin was intrigued by Prior's story and began researching online.

"I found a post on some obscure website about bomber command in Europe, from a fellow looking for the family of Garfield Prior. The post was eight years old," Turpin recalled.

Turpin contacted the man, who was living in the United States. He was related to Prior's former fiancé, who was now deceased. Turpin soon shared this information with Prior's relatives and one of the pilot's logbooks was finally returned to the family. They generously donated it to Indian Head Museum where it is now on display.

"I wanted to see it preserved in Indian Head because that was his hometown, with lots of relatives around and friends. We figured this was the right place for it, so I had a case made for

it so we could display it in the museum," Prior's niece Melnie Beattie explained. "Uncle Garfield was quite well-known in Indian Head area. He was a pretty substantial part of Indian Head's history. It's so important to me to have him recognized after all these years."

Like Beattie, Turpin is grateful that the museum can preserve Prior's legacy and share the logbook with those who visit the military room.

"From the time [Prior] started flying, it shows every aircraft he flew in, how many hours, who he was with. It's a fantastic piece of historical information, it's beautiful," Turpin commented. "It's such a big story. It goes across generations, across borders."

Family members hope to eventually acquire more of Prior's personal belongings and learn more about his final flight.



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Greenall grad Gorniak the hero as Rams advance



By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Balgonie's Ty Gorniak kicked a season-high five field goals, including the 38-yard game winner, to send the University of Regina Rams to the Canada West conference championship game with a 32-29 overtime Saturday over the visiting Manitoba Bisons.

Coming off a 1-for-4 outing Oct. 24 in Regina's regular season-ending loss to the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds, Gorniak couldn't have recovered any better in Saturday's semi-final.

The rookie was perfect on field goal attempts from 39, 32, 35, 22 and 38 yards, as well as both his point-after converts.

His 35-yarder came with no time left on the clock in the fourth quarter to send the game to overtime, where he striped two more through the uprights to win it for the Rams.

That performance also marked the first-ever 5-for-5 outing from a Rams' kicker, according to Darrell Davis of the Regina Leader-Post, punctuating a season in which Gorniak – a Greenall Griffins graduate – earlier became the youngest player to score a point in Rams' history.

Through eight regular season games

and one playoff contest, Gorniak has hit 22 of 28 field goal tries (78.6 per cent) along with 27 of 28 converts and a 57.2-yard average on kickoffs.

Next up for Gorniak and the second-place Rams (6-2) – A date with the first-seeded Saskatchewan Huskies (7-1) in Saturday's Hardy Cup conference final (Nov. 8 with a 2 p.m. kickoff).

Saskatchewan, whose roster includes fifth-year defensive back John Stoll (Melville) and third-year offensive lineman Devon Burnham (Summerberry), won the only regular-season meeting between the clubs, beating Regina 22-20 back on Sept. 19.

Stoll, a 2022 conference all-star, had four tackles in the Huskies' own conference semifinal win Saturday, a 26-7 take-down of UBC, and registered his first forced fumble and first interception of the season over the previous two weeks leading into playoffs.

Regina's roster also includes White City product and rookie offensive lineman Nate Boyd, who has dressed in seven of the Rams' nine games to date.

The winner of Saturday's game will go on to face the winner of the Ontario University Athletics conference with a trip to the Vanier Cup national championship on the line.

The Vanier Cup is scheduled to be played Nov. 22 in Regina.

Ready to kick

Rookie Regina Rams' kicker Ty Gorniak lines up for a convert earlier this season (main photo). John Stoll (inset photo) is from Melville and will use his defensive back experience in game on Saturday, Nov. 8.

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Wapella Blackhawks ready to hit the ice for SEHL season opener

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Wapella Blackhawks are gearing up for another exciting winter of senior hockey as the Sask East Hockey League drops the puck on the 2025-26 season this week. Fans in the small but spirited hockey community of Wapella are eager to see their hometown team back on the ice, battling rivals from across eastern Saskatchewan and western Manitoba.

The Blackhawks open their campaign on the road Friday, Nov. 8, in Churchbridge against the Imperials before continuing their early-season road swing with stops in Langenburg (Nov. 14), Churchbridge again (Nov. 21), Esterhazy (Nov. 28), and Russell (Nov. 29). Their first home appearance will be Friday, Dec. 12, when they host the Preeceville Pats at the Whitewood Community Centre while awaiting the natural ice to be installed at the Wapella Arena.



split evenly between home and away contests.

After Christmas, the Blackhawks will host a string of home games that should delight local fans. The team welcomes the Canora Cobras on Jan. 3 in Wapella, the

The SEHL's South Division promises tight competition again this season, featuring familiar foes such as Rocanville, Churchbridge, Esterhazy, Russell, and Langenburg — all clubs known for strong veteran lineups and loyal fan bases. Wapella will play an 18-game regular-season schedule,

Langenburg Warriors on Jan. 9, the Rocanville Tigers on Jan. 16, the Esterhazy Flyers on Jan. 21, the Cote Selects on Jan. 24, the Russell Rams on January 30, and the Churchbridge Imperials on Jan. 31 to close out the regular season.

While the roster has yet to be officially released, returning veterans are expected to anchor the lineup, bolstered by several new additions who bring speed and grit to the ice. The team's focus this year will be on tightening defensive play and capitalizing on home-ice advantage — something that could prove crucial down the stretch.

With a loyal fan base and a packed arena atmosphere, the Wapella Blackhawks are poised for an entertaining season as they chase playoff contention in one of Saskatchewan's most competitive senior hockey circuits. Puck drop for the opener is set for 8 p.m. Friday night in Churchbridge.

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Volleyball playoffs underway for local high schools

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

This year's Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association volleyball playoffs continue this weekend with 21 local teams from 15 communities competing.

Here's a look at who's playing where, when and for what.

5A Boys Regionals

Balgonie's Greenall Griffins are scheduled to face Moose Jaw's A.E. Peacock Toilers at 10 a.m. Saturday followed by a match against the host Swift Current Colts at 1 p.m.

Quarterfinals in the six-team south regional are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. with the semifinals at 4 p.m. and the championship game at 5:30 p.m.

The other pool includes teams from Estevan, Weyburn and Yorkton Regional schools.

The top two teams will advance to provincials in Prince Albert on Nov. 15-16.

5A Girls Regionals

Greenall's senior girls' team will also be on the court for regionals Saturday, as part of a six-team tournament in Moose Jaw.

Like their male counterparts the Griffins are scheduled to face Peacock at 10 a.m. and Swift Current at 1 p.m. with the top two teams advancing to provincials.

Other schools competing are Estevan Comprehensive School, Weyburn Comprehensive School and Yorkton Regional High School.

Semifinals are scheduled for 4 p.m. with the two finalists slated to move on to provincials in Lloydminster.

4A Girls Regionals

The Melville Cobras will share a pool with Yorkton Sacred Heart and the hosts from Lumsden in their bid for a provincial championship berth.

Those three teams will be joined Saturday by Moose Jaw Vanier, Regina Luther and Moose Jaw Central with the top three teams moving on to provincials in North Battleford.

Melville is scheduled to face Yorkton Sacred Heart at 10 a.m. and Lumsden at 12 p.m.

The gold medal game is scheduled for 6 p.m. with the bronze game to follow at 7 p.m.

3A Girls Regionals

Kipling, Vibank and Fort Qu'Appelle schools are among six teams that will compete at regionals Saturday in Carnduff, a trip to provincials on the line.

Those teams will be joined by Esterhazy, Wynyard and the host school.

Fort Qu'Appelle is scheduled to play Esterhazy at 9 a.m. and Kipling at 11 a.m., with Kipling also slated to play Es-

terhazy at 1 p.m.

In pool B, the Vibank Vipers will play Carnduff at 10 a.m. and Wynyard at 12 p.m.

The gold medal game is scheduled for 6 p.m. and the bronze medal match for 7 p.m. with the top three teams advancing to provincials in Maple Creek on Nov. 14-15.

3A Boys Conferences

Balcarres Community School and Fort Qu'Appelle's Bert Fox Community High School will both compete Saturday in Esterhazy for a trip to regionals, while the Kipling Magyars will do the same in Oxbow.

Fort Qu'Appelle and Balcarres will face each other in both teams' opening match of the conference tournament (10 a.m.), with Fort scheduled to then meet Esterhazy (12 p.m.), Canora (2 p.m.) and Watrous (5 p.m.).

Balcarres meanwhile will square off with Watrous at 1 p.m., Canora at 4 p.m. and Esterhazy at 6 p.m.

And Kipling is to face Carlyle at 10 a.m., Oxbow at 12 p.m., Carnduff at 2 p.m. and Moosomin at 5 p.m.

No playoff round is slated for either tournament and the top three teams from both events will advance to regionals the following weekend.

2A Girls Regionals

Whitewood will travel to Porcupine Plain and the Montmartre Eagles will travel to Regina (Harvest City) for their respective regional tournaments.

Whitewood will be joined in its pool by Ituna and the provincial championship hosts from Wadena, with Raymore, Langenburg and Porcupine Plain making up the other pool.

Wadena and the two next best teams will advance to provincials from that regional.

In Regina, Montmartre will share a pool with Lampman and Moose Jaw Cornerstone, while Harvest City, Gravelbourg and Rocanville duke it out in pool A.

The top two teams from that regional will also advance to provincials.

2A Boys Conferences

At Lampman, Nakoda Oyade (Carry the Kettle First Nation) and Wawota teams will compete against Arcola, Redvers and the hosts for a trip to regionals.

Langenburg will host Rocanville, Kahkewistahaw, Cowessess and Kakisiwew (Ochapowace First Nation).

And Montmartre will play host to Grenfell, Vibank, Regina Harvest City and Payepot (Piapot First Nation) schools.

All tournaments are scheduled for Saturday with the top two teams from each advancing to regionals.



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Cobras eliminated

The Melville Cobras were eliminated in the SHSAA Provincial Football playoffs on Nov. 1 in their semi-final game against the Lumsden Devils. The Devils delivered the Cobras their only loss of the season, losing 54-6.

So close, but no Series' title, for Blue Jays

By Bruce Penton
Sports Columnist

If this year's World Series could be narrowed down to a simple 'Who killed the Toronto Blue Jays?' Let's get right to the point and play a sports version of Clue. Open the little envelope and here's what's inside:

It was Hoffman.

In the ninth.

With a slider.

Poor Jeff Hoffman. The Blue Jays much maligned ninth-inning closer was two outs away from turning Canada into a state of sports delirium when he delivered a fateful slider to the weakest hitter in the Los Angeles Dodgers' lineup, Miguel Rojas, who hadn't had a base hit since Oct. 2 thanks mainly to sitting on the bench.

Rojas swung and the ball sailed over the left-field wall, tying the game 4-4, sending it into extra innings and the pessimists among Canada's 41 million people had a bad feeling that the Jays' spectacular season was not going to end well.

Said Hoffman after the game: "That (pitch) cost everybody in here a World Series ring, so it's pretty (expletive). Got to execute better in that spot."

In the 11th inning, Will Smith duplicated Rojas's heroics, slamming a solo homer off Shane Bieber but with the Jays showing life with a rally in the bottom of the 11th, Toronto catcher Alejandro Kirk, who performed hitting and defensive heroics all year, grounded into a season-ending, dream-ending double play.

That's baseball. No sense in beating up Hoffman, or Bieber, or anyone on

the Blue Jays, for that matter. The team overachieved all summer, starting off 16-19 through 35 games and then dominating the American League from June through the end of September. For a team that most experts pegged for a fifth-place finish in the five-team American League East to come within two outs of a World Series title is almost unimaginable.

Most of Game 7 went the Jays' way. There was an early 3-0 lead, and it was 4-2 Toronto in the eighth before Max Muncy of the Dodgers hit a solo shot that made it 4-3. Jays' manager John Schneider then called on Hoffman to get four outs and automatic hero worship status across the country before Rojas spoiled that narrative in the ninth.

It was 32 years ago when Joe Carter's home run beat Philadelphia Phillies and gave Toronto its second straight World Series title. Fans all across Canada were giddy for most of the game with the thought that that three-decade drought was going to end.

It didn't, but there's always next year, although one of the team's best hitters, Bo Bichette, is a free agent and may depart. Management will try in the off-season to fill a few holes in the team's lineup, one of which is a dependable closer. Hoffman had 33 saves this year in 40 opportunities but his 4.37 earned-run average told a more accurate story of his effectiveness.

Still, it was a great year. And the Jays' near-perfect run to the World Series helped bring Canada together, so all was not lost.

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Sports column – Darcy Gross

Gross Misconduct

As I was flipping through the channels the other night, I noticed one of my all-time favourite movies was on, *Remember the Titans*.

For those folks who have never seen it, it's the story of a high school football team, faced with the realities and the challenges of the integration of black and white students, along with a black head coach, expertly played by Denzel Washington.

Like most great sports movies, it's based on a true story.

In the end, they all come together as a team and win their championship game, after overcoming a ton of adversity.

As I was watching, it got me thinking of the Toronto Blue Jays, the team that came within a few inches of winning the World Series, but lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers and the highest payroll in the history of baseball.

Like the Titans, the Blue Jays were that rag-tag outfit that wasn't going to have a chance against the mighty Dodgers, even though they took them to extra innings in the seventh game of the series.

Yes, Canada's own Blue Jays took on the Dodgers and gave them all they could handle for seven games, but the real story of this team starts in spring training this year, when neither five-tool player Addison Barger or the newly discovered ace of the staff, Trey Yesavage were with the Jays.

This team started with the ruins of the previous season's last place squad and may have come together quicker and better than any team has before.

It started with hitting coach David Popkins, whose philosophy of hitting must have made a lot of sense to the players, because suddenly guys weren't stomping back to the bat-rack after a strike-out nearly as often as they did before.

They learned that the best way win is to score runs and the best way to score runs was by making contact and putting the ball in play.

As the season went on, the team gathered momentum, winning games that they wouldn't have in the past, and some guys found themselves as players.

George Springer, a guy who looked like his best days were well behind him, suddenly caught fire, with his average taking off into the .300s.

Ernie Clement, who set a record for postseason hits, showed what a player can do if he just gets a chance.

Barger emerged as a workhorse, equally as adept at third base as he was in the outfield, and Davis Schneider and Nathan Lukes turned into solid options in a platoon situation.

Vladdy – I think he can get the one name treatment in Canada now – showed his leadership and when it came time for the playoffs, he found another gear. He was tremendous at the plate as well as in the field.

Bo Bichette, when he wasn't hobbled by injuries, was an RBI machine, and his defence at shortstop had also improved. He was terrific in the World Series, as well.

Alejandro Kirk, all five-foot, eight inches and 240 pounds of him, established himself as one of baseball's toughest outs and a great defensive catcher who knows how to handle a pitching staff.

For those that said he was out of shape, remember, round is a shape, too.

Then there were the pitchers, and I won't try to name them all, because I know I'll miss someone.

In the playoffs, it was all about Yesavage, his over the top motion and his ability to get guys out with any pitch.

They also got strong outings from Kevin Gausman, Shane Bieber and the venerable one, Mad Max Scherzer, who must have been drinking from the fountain of youth.

This was a great team, and like the Titans in the movie, no one in Canada is ever going to forget them.

I'm not going to get into why the Blue Jays didn't win all the marbles, because there's plenty of blame to go around, but in interview after interview, it sure seemed like this group was tight.

Clement said he wanted to end his interview, just to spend a couple more hours with that group.

The Jays, much like the graduating Titans, will never get to be with these same guys again, the guys who they played for and probably would have lived and died for if need be.

It has to really sting right now, that they won't be getting ready for another game until next season.

This series, and this team, will now be the measuring stick that all other Toronto teams in the future are compared to.

Remember, pitchers and catchers report in February.

Who's ready?

Fort Qu'Appelle's Valley Warriors rejoin PMHL

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

Senior hockey is making a triumphant return to rinks across the region, as the Prairie Men's Hockey League (PMHL) drops the puck on the 2025-26 season with four local teams – the Fort Qu'Appelle Valley Warriors, Indian Head Chiefs, Cupar Canucks, and Ituna Avalanche – all hitting the ice.

After a leave of absence, the Valley Warriors are back, restoring senior hockey excitement to Fort Qu'Appelle and the surrounding Qu'Appelle Valley communities. The Warriors make their long-awaited return Saturday, Nov. 8, when they host the Strasbourg Maroons at the Fort Qu'Appelle Centre. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Team organizers said it's great to see senior hockey back in the Valley again, noting that fans have been eager to bring the Warriors back.

Following their debut, the Warriors host the Cupar Canucks on Nov. 14, then head on the road to face the Indian Head Chiefs on Nov. 22 and visit Cupar again on Nov. 29.

Indian Head Chiefs

Fort Knox Hockey Game Schedule

Home/Away Games

NOVEMBER:
07– Fort Knox at Moosomin 8 pm
09– Martensville at Fort Knox 3 pm
15– Fort Knox at Regina Caps 7:45
20– Reg. Silver Foxes at Fort Knox 7:30
22– Fort Knox at Martensville 7:30
25– Moosomin at Fort Knox 7:30
29– Fort Knox at PB Storm 7:45

Pilot Butte Storm Game Schedule

Home/Away Games

NOVEMBER:
07– PB Storm at Thunder 7:30
08– PB Storm at Timberjaks 7:30
13– PB Storm at Silver Foxes 7:45
15– Quakers at PB Storm 7:45
19– PB Storm at Royals 8:00
22– Steelhawks at PB Storm 7:45
28– PB Storm at Silver Foxes 7:45
29– Fort Knox at PB Storm 7:45

Wolesey Mustangs Game Schedule

Home/Away Games

NOVEMBER:
08– Regina at Wolesey 8:00
14– Emerald Park at Wolesey 8:00
15– Wolesey at Caronport 8:00
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28– Emerald Park at Wolesey 8:00

Melville Millionaires Jr. A Hockey Game Schedule

Home/Away Games

All Games 7 p.m. unless otherwise stated
07– Melville at Weyburn
08– Weyburn at Melville
11– Estevan at Melville
18– Nipawin at Melville
21– Melville at Yorkton
22– Yorkton at Melville
26– Melville at Warman
28– Melville at Battlefords 7:30
29– Melville at Battlefords 7:30



The Indian Head Chiefs return to the PMHL this season, blending veteran leadership with local talent. The Chiefs, who finished in third place in the regular season last year, open their season on Nov. 7 in Cupar before hosting the Ituna Avalanche on Nov. 15. They'll then welcome the Warriors to Indian Head for a Valley rivalry game on Nov. 22, expected to draw a packed house.

Cupar Canucks

The Cupar Canucks, a staple of Saskatchewan senior hockey, are back for another full season. Finishing last year in first place, they'll open at home on Nov. 7 against Indian Head, then travel to Fort Qu'Appelle for the Warriors' second home game on Nov. 14. The Canucks will host Fort Qu'Appelle again later in the month

on Nov. 29, renewing one of the league's most anticipated rivalries.

Ituna Avalanche

Rounding out the local contingent are the Ituna Avalanche, who continue to ice one of the PMHL's most consistent and hard-working squads. Finishing last year in second place, the Avalanche open their campaign Nov. 15 in Indian Head before hosting a string of home games through December, including matchups against Strasbourg and Fort Qu'Appelle.

Known for their fast, physical play and strong local fan base, the Avalanche are once again expected to be a factor in the playoff race while adding another layer of local competition for fans across the Grasslands News area.

Hockey Pride Across

Bowling Scores, Standings - Melville Bowl Arena

MONDAY P.M. Nov. 3	Blame it on Garry New	23 14	THURSDAY YBC Oct. 30	Girls High Single and Triple, Emmi Hollinger, 190, 588. Boys High Single and Triple, Braxton Hollinger, 165, 434. Team High Single, Curylo, 881. Team High Triple, Wurts, 2479.	Pts. 17.5 21 13 12.5
Ladies' High Single, Linda Bender, 206. Ladies' High Triple and Average, Angela Dobson, 501, 163. Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Joe Wu, 206, 560, 187. Team High Single, Bender, 826. Team High Triple, Dobson 2352.	ST. HENRY'S Oct. 28 Ladies' High Single and Triple, Sherri Kaufman, 226, 527. Ladies' High Average Pat Brown, 167. Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Ray Kaufman, 245, 634, 202. Team High Single and Triple, Drifters, 1362, 3778.		SATURDAY YBC Nov. 1 Girls High Single, Ashyah Davies, 115. Girls High Triple, Laura Smidt, 301. Boys High Single and Triple, Aiden Lavergne, 196, 511. Team High Single, Bravehearts, 810. Team High Triple, Everything, 2374.		
Team Pts. 22 Ostlund 22 Dobson 20.5 Bender 17 Stephens 10.5	MONDAY COMMERCIAL Oct. 27 Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Brandy Lechner, 268, 684, 230. Men's High Single, Jory Erickson, 250. Men's High Triple and Average, Destin Kohlenberg, 715, 219. Team High Single and Triple, Blame it on Garry, 1338, 3830.		TUESDAY YBC Oct. 28 Girls High Single and Triple, Amzlee Patterson, 138, 358, Boys High Single and Triple, Jakob Unterschute, 179, 408. Team High Single and Triple, Bowl Kings, 822, 2373.		
Team Pts. 25 Professional Amateurs 25 Pinheads 24 Gutter Girls 22	MONDAY COMMERCIAL Oct. 27 Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Brandy Lechner, 268, 684, 230. Men's High Single, Jory Erickson, 250. Men's High Triple and Average, Destin Kohlenberg, 715, 219. Team High Single and Triple, Blame it on Garry, 1338, 3830.		TUESDAY YBC Oct. 28 Girls High Single and Triple, Amzlee Patterson, 138, 358, Boys High Single and Triple, Jakob Unterschute, 179, 408. Team High Single and Triple, Bowl Kings, 822, 2373.		

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North Stars, Hawks, down Millionaires in close games

By Darcy Gross
Grasslands News

Are the SJHL Melville Millionaires rediscovering their core identity?

The Millionaires played a pair of low-scoring contests over the last week, coming away with an overtime win as well as a hard fought loss.

Battlefords North Stars 1 at

Melville Millionaires 2 (OT, Nov. 1)

The Mills opened the scoring late in the opening stanza, with Devin Winder potting his seventh goal of the season with Riley Craigen and Grady Carmichael credited with assists.

That 1-0 lead held up until late in the third period when the North Stars knotted it up with less than five minutes remaining in regulation time.

Preston Baerwald was the hero in this game, as he went coast to coast in overtime and notched his fourth goal of the season with an unassisted marker at 2:19 of extra time.

The Millionaires were whistled for four of the seven minor penalties called while the North Stars were handed the game's lone misconduct.

Buzz Aafedt got the start between the posts for Melville and turned aside 20 of the 21 shots he faced while Melville skaters had 37 shots on the Battlefords cage.

Melville Millionaires 2 at

Nipawin Hawks 3 (Oct. 31)

The Hawks opened the scoring in this match-up, firing two pucks past Noah Sinagowitz with the Millionaires getting

a reply from Jackson Lee with his seventh tally of the season late in the middle frame. Matthew Edwards and Boston Harkness had assists on the powerplay marker.

Nipawin regained its lead in the third, with a goal at 4:31 while Kale Margolis brought the Mills to within a goal at 9:53 with the man advantage.

Edwards and Harkness were, once again, both credited with set-up points on the goal.

That was as close as the Millionaires would get, unfortunately.

Sinagowitz made 27 saves in the contest while Millionaires' skaters were able to fire 27 shots of their own on the Hawks' cage.

Nipawin was on the hook for six of the game's 10 minor infractions.

The Millionaires hit the road for Weyburn on Nov. 7 to take on the Red Wings, with the two clubs back in Melville on Nov. 8 for the rematch.

The Mills have a Remembrance Day home game against the Estevan Bruins on Nov. 11.

All games start at 7 p.m.

Ice Chips

Melville Millionaires forward Kale Margolis has caught the eyes of some SJHL pundits, as he's been named the Saskatchewan Player of the Month for September and October.

Margolis led the SJHL in scoring in October, collecting seven goals and 12 helpers for a total of 19 points over the span of a dozen games.

Margolis, who is a solid contributor in all situations for the Millionaires, also happens to be one of the league's top face-

off men, something often overlooked by the casual fan.

The Millionaires, with a number of players off with injuries, have added forward Nathan Taylor from the Stouffville Spirit of the Ontario Junior Hockey League.

Taylor played 12 games with Stouffville, scoring three goals and adding eight assists for 11 points.

SJHL Notebook

By GNG Staff

Grasslands News

A 15-game (and counting) point streak for Jacob Strizzi was enough not only to help propel his Humboldt Broncos to the best record in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League, but also earn the over-age forward the league's first player of the month honour.

The league announced Strizzi's honour Sunday after an October where had at least one point in every game – including his first hat trick of the season and a run of six multi-point games.

Over the course of his scoring streak, Strizzi has piled up 14 goals and 10 assists yet incredibly find himself merely tied for the league scoring lead with Estevan Bruins' centre Ewan Rennie at 28 points in all.

To date, Strizzi has been held off the score sheet just once – in the Broncos' second game of the season, Sept. 20 against the Warman Wolverines.

Other monthly award winners included Rennie (forward of the month), Gavin Granger of the Battlefords North Stars (defenceman of the month), Bron-

cos' netminder Charlie Tritt (goalie of the month), Roan Burgess of the Weyburn Red Wings (rookie of the month), and Melville Millionaires' forward Kale Margolis (Saskatchewan player of the month).

Broncos Surge

Humboldt's surge to the top of the league standings has coincided with the Broncos (13-4-0-0) also placing within the top half of the Canadian Junior Hockey League's weekly Top 20 rankings for the first time this season.

The Broncos were Canada's seventh-best junior A team as of Tuesday's rankings, one of two SJHL teams to crack the Top 20, with a seven-game winning streak to their name after beating the Kindersley Klippers 3-2 on Saturday and 4-1 on Sunday.

The Bunge Division-leading Weyburn Red Wings (10-3-0-1) dropped from fourth to 11th nationally after a pair of weekend losses to Estevan.

Mills Rep SJ

The 2025 Western All-Star Challenge kicked off Tuesday night in Martensville with 2007-born forwards Wesley Olson and Preston Baerwald representing the Melville Millionaires on Team SJHL at the event.

The second game in the two-game set against a team of Manitoba Junior Hockey League all-stars was played Wednesday morning.

Humboldt and the Melfort Mustangs lead the way with three players each on the SJHL roster, while Melville, Kindersley, Flin Flon, Weyburn and Warman each had two representatives.

Fort Knox, Steelhawks, and Storm face tough tests in PJHL games

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

It was a busy and eventful weekend in the Prairie Junior Hockey League's Bill Johnston Division, highlighted by a postponed match-up due to Game 7 of the World Series — a true sign of Canada's sporting passion. While the Fort Knox, Moosomin Steelhawks, and Pilot Butte Storm each faced challenges on the ice, the battle for position in the standings is heating up as the season nears mid-November.

Fort Knox Shut Out by Westleys

Fort Knox ran into a red-hot Saskatoon Westleys squad on Oct. 29, falling 6-0 at the Prairie Co-op Rexentre in Melville. The Westleys outshot Knox 29-21, and goaltender Luke Brunen turned aside every attempt for the shutout. Saskatoon's Connor Gabriel led the attack with three points as the Westleys continued their strong cross-division play.

Despite the loss, Fort Knox remains near the top of the Bill Johnston Division with a record of 8-3-0-0, sitting just one point behind the division-leading Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals. Knox has been one of the most consistent offensive teams in the league this season, averaging over five goals per game while maintaining one of the best goal differentials in the PJHL.

Steelhawks Drop Back-to-Back Games

It was a tough weekend at home for the Moosomin Steelhawks, who dropped both contests at the Mike Schwan Arena. On Oct. 31, the Steelhawks were defeated 6-2 by the Carrot River Outback Thunder. Ryan Weaver opened the scoring for Moosomin, and Deagan Reister added a second goal in the middle frame, but the Thunder broke the game open with four unanswered tallies in the second period.

The following night, the Steelhawks fell 7-0 to the Saskatoon Westleys, who continued their dominant stretch behind a hat trick and assist from Carter Walter. Goalie Luke Hampton made 29 saves to complete the shutout.

The Steelhawks currently sit in fourth place in the Bill Johnston Division with a 3-8-0-1 record. Though the team has struggled defensively — allowing a league-high 69 goals through 12 games — they've shown flashes of promise in recent weeks and will look to rebound in a busy stretch ahead.

Storm Earn Point in Overtime Loss

The Pilot Butte Storm earned a valuable point in Regina on Sunday, taking the Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals to overtime before falling 4-3. The Storm got goals from Colton Pushie, Dryden Jeannot, and Luke Brvant, while goaltender Bradv Carr turned in an out-

standing 48-save performance.

Earlier in the week, the Storm fell 5-1 on the road to the Saskatoon Westleys. Kyle McLellan scored the lone goal for Pilot Butte in that game, while the team managed 21 shots against the division's hottest goaltender.

Pilot Butte sits fifth in the Bill Johnston Division standings with a record of 2-8-0-1 and five points. Though wins have been hard to come by, the Storm have been competitive in several close games and continue to develop chemistry as the season progresses.

Blue Jays Postpone Hockey Night

The scheduled Nov. 1 match-up between Fort Knox and the Pilot Butte Storm was postponed for an unusual reason — Game 7 of the World Series. With the Toronto Blue Jays chasing a historic championship, both organizations and the PJHL agreed to move the game so players and fans could tune in to watch Canada's team on baseball's biggest stage. A rescheduled date will be announced in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Games

Fort Knox was on the road Wednesday night to face

the Richardson Pioneer Southern Rebels in Weyburn and will visit Moosomin on Saturday. They'll return home Sunday to host the Martensville Chiefs in an afternoon matchup at the Prairie Co-op Rexentre.

The Moosomin Steelhawks will host Fort Knox on Friday and the Martensville Chiefs on Saturday, followed by road games against the Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals on Monday and a home tilt against the Regina Silver Foxes on Tuesday.

The Pilot Butte Storm head north for a pair of road games this weekend, visiting the Carrot River Outback Thunder on Friday and the Prince Albert Timberjaks on Saturday.

With the standings tightening and the midseason mark approaching, every point will matter. Fort Knox aims to challenge the Capitals for the top spot, while the Steelhawks and Storm are determined to shake off recent losses and spark a turnaround in the Bill Johnston Division.

Kipling and Wawota set for rivalry clash

Big 6 Hockey League Season Opens

By Chris Ashfield

Grasslands News

The Big 6 Hockey League season is officially underway, with local fans in Kipling and Wawota gearing up for another exciting winter of senior hockey action across southeast Saskatchewan.

The Kipling-Windthorst Oil Kings made their season debut on Nov. 1, travelling to Carlyle where they were handed a tough 9-3 loss by the Cougars. Despite the score, the game marked the Oil Kings' return to Big 6 competition and offered a glimpse of a roster still finding its rhythm. Kipling's goals came in the latter half of the contest, with contributions from Ethan Stajniak, Josh Hassler and Zac Plaster.

Carlyle's Cale Adams led the charge for the home side with a hat trick, while teammates Cade Bendtsen, Austin Fleck, and Tanner Froese also found the back of the net. The Cougars struck early and often, building a commanding lead with three goals in each period. Kipling's power play showed potential, converting once on three opportunities, but it wasn't enough to slow Carlyle's balanced attack.

The Oil Kings will have plenty of time to rebound.

with 16 regular season games on their 2025-26 schedule. Fans won't have to wait long to see them at home — Kipling will host the Wawota Flyers on Friday, Nov. 14 at the Kipling Arena in their home opener.

The matchup will also mark the Flyers' second game of the season. Wawota opens their campaign on Nov. 7 in Redvers before heading to Kipling for the first of two visits this year. The Flyers' regular season slate includes home dates against Moosomin, Carlyle, Oxbow, and Carnduff throughout the winter.

With both teams bringing in familiar faces and community pride, the upcoming Kipling-Wawota rivalry game promises to be one of the early highlights of the Big 6 Hockey League season.

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QVHHL season opens with action across the league

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The 2025-26 Qu'Appelle Valley Hockey League regular season is officially underway, with fans from Grenfell, Balcarres, and Balgonie cheering the return of senior hockey to local rinks. Opening weekend saw mixed results for the region's teams as the Grenfell Spitfires and Balgonie Bisons both dropped their openers, while Balcarres prepares to launch its campaign this week.

Grenfell Spitfires Fall in Season Opener

The Grenfell Spitfires opened their season at home on Nov. 2, facing a potent Raymore Rockets lineup that rolled to a 7-1 victory. Raymore's Austin Linnen

led the charge with two goals and two assists, while Shayde Peterson scored twice and added an assist. Grenfell's lone goal came from Eric Kuzek on the power play, assisted by Tyler Bird and Luke Schaeffer. Goaltender Jordan Muhr went the distance for the Spitfires, facing a barrage of Rockets' shots throughout the night.

Grenfell will look to bounce back when they visit the Lumsden Monarchs on Nov. 7 before returning home for a pair of games—hosting Balcarres on Nov. 14 and Bethune on Nov. 15.

Balgonie Drops Opener to Southey

In their first game of the year, the Balgonie Bisons were handed a 6-2 loss by the Southey Marlins on October 31 at the Star Dome. Southey's Derek Frater had

a four-point night, scoring once and assisting on three others, while teammate Pat Thompson-Gale recorded a goal and two assists. Rhett Sandercock and Riley Perkins also found the back of the net for the Marlins.

Balgonie's goals came from Riley Woykin and Daitan Dmytriw. Goaltender Hunter Lolacher made 60 minutes of stops in the loss as Southey outpaced the Bisons through all three periods.

The Bisons will look to rebound when they visit Raymore on Nov. 7, before a rematch against Southey on Nov. 15.

Balcarres Broncs Set to Debut

The Balcarres Broncs are slated to begin their season at home on November 9, hosting the Lumsden Monarchs at the Balcarres Centennial Arena. The Broncs

will face the Grenfell Spitfires in back-to-back matchups on November 14 and 22, providing early-season tests for both squads.

Upcoming Games

- Nov. 7: Grenfell Spitfires vs. Lumsden Monarchs (Lumsden)
- Nov. 7: Raymore Rockets vs. Balgonie Bisons (Star Dome)
- Nov. 9: Lumsden Monarchs vs. Balcarres Broncs (Balcarres)
- Nov. 14: Grenfell Spitfires vs. Balcarres Broncs (Balcarres)
- Nov. 15: Balgonie Bisons vs. Southey Marlins (Southey)
- Nov. 15: Bethune Bulldogs vs. Grenfell Spitfires (Grenfell)

Close call for people involved in grid road accident

Broadview and Moosomin
Detachment
Sgt. Damien Grouchy

Reporting period: Oct. 23 to Oct. 30
Calls for Service

There were 85 calls for service in the Broadview/ Moosomin Detachment area over the past week, with only 24 traffic fines issued. Most of the fines being for speeding. The highest speeder of the week was issued to a male driving a Ford Maverick travelling 151 km/hr on Highway #8 in a 100 km/hr zone near Rocanville. The male received a \$809 fine. Coming in second place this week was a male driving a Honda Civic travelling 160 km/hr on Highway #1 in the 110 km/hr zone near Grenfell. The male driver received a fine of \$798. Please slow down while driving and stay safe.

Found

Some more found property this week near Broadview. The Samsung phone pictured was found near West Road on Kahkewistahaw First Nations. If this phone belongs to you, It can be picked up at the Broadview RCMP.



Mischief, Intoxicated and More

On October 23rd, RCMP received a complaint of an agitated male at a business in Broadview. The male targeted several employees in a threatening behaviour. The male had also been in the business a month prior and had acted in a similar way. RCMP obtained statements and the male will be getting charged for his behaviour and actions.

On October 23rd, RCMP received a call to a residence on Kahkewistahaw,



Grid road accident

On Thursday, Oct. 30, RCMP attended a two-vehicle collision on a grid road near Broadview. The collision was caused by an SUV that failed to yield at a yield sign and was struck by an oncoming truck. Occupants were treated by EMS for minor injuries. Both vehicles sustained heavy damages and had to be towed from the scene.

where an intoxicated female assaulted another female by punching her in the face. RCMP attended and arrested the intoxicated female and transported her to the RCMP Bed and Breakfast. While RCMP were getting the female booked into her room she assaulted the matron by removing her necklace and throwing it at her. The matron was not injured during the incident. The intoxicated female was charged for both assaults she committed.

On October 24th, the RCMP were called to two cows steaking things out near Highway #1 near Moosomin. RCMP

located the cow's owners who was not amused with the situation

On October 25th, RCMP responded to an assault at residence in Broadview, where a female punched another female in the face while intoxicated. RCMP attended the scene, but the female suspect had already left the scene. RCMP received a video showing the female suspect walk up to the female victim and punch her several times in the face. RCMP located the female and charged her for the assault.

On October 25th, RCMP received a call of a possible collision on Highway #201 on Kahkewistahaw First Nations. RCMP received the call from a passerby who observed a vehicle and saw a male bleeding from their head. RCMP attended and learned that no collision took place and that the male had been skateboarding down the valley and fallen. The male was treated by EMS.

On October 25th, RCMP received a call of a six-year-old male who had been bit by a dog that had broken off its leash in Broadview. The six-year-old received six stitches from the dog bite. Animal control has been made aware of the complaint and will be completing their investigation regarding the dog bite. The dog was caught by its owner and chained back up in its yard.

On October 25th, RCMP stopped a male driving a white GMC truck that was travelling 154 km/hr on #1 Highway near Moosomin. The male was issued a fine for \$1067. The male was also arrested and charged for impaired driving and provided samples of his breath that confirmed his blood alcohol content was double the legal limit. RCMP towed and impounded the driver's vehicle. The male was then provided courtesy ride home.

On October 25th, RCMP received a call



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of an impaired driver on Ochapowace First Nations. It was reported that a female was driving a grey truck intoxicated. RCMP located the vehicle and arrested the female driver for impaired operation, and her vehicle was towed and impounded.

On October 26th, RCMP were called to a residence on Ochapowace First Nations where the homeowner advised their son was intoxicated and causing problems and refusing to leave. RCMP attended and arrested the male and provided him a free night stay at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast. The male was released when he was sober.

On October 28th, RCMP received a report of a break and enter into a garage in Broadview. The caller was not sure what all was stolen but was going to make a list. The caller also provided video surveillance of the Break and Enter that clearly identifies the male responsible. The male will be located and charged accordingly for break and entering.

On October 28th, RCMP received a call of a cube van parked in the middle of the street in Whitewood. RCMP attended and observed that a delivery van had broken down and was left in the middle of the street blocking traffic. RCMP had the vehicle towed as it was a traffic hazard.

On October 30th, RCMP were called to a male causing problems at a residence on Cowessess First Nations. RCMP attended and arrested the intoxicated male for failing to comply with several court conditions he was on. The male resisted arrest and assaulted one of our police officers before he was transported to the RCMP Bed and Breakfast.

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Community partnership brews opportunity for Regina youth

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

A new café nestled inside the Conexus Credit Union head office is serving up more than gourmet lattes and pastries — it's offering young people in Regina a chance to change their lives.

On Oct. 29, Conexus Credit Union and Street Culture Project celebrated the grand opening of The Safe Café and Catering, a social enterprise aimed at creating employment opportunities, job training and community connections for at-risk youth.

The café — located on the main floor of Conexus' headquarters overlooking Wascana Park — operates under a unique partnership model. Street Culture Project runs the business and employs youth through its training programs, while Conexus provides the space rent-free, helping to keep operating costs low and maximize the funds that go back into youth services.

"It's so much more than a café," said Conexus CEO Celina Philpot in her opening remarks. "It's a place where you can buy a latte or a gourmet sandwich, and in doing so, you help improve the lives of underserved youth in our community."

The café, which initially began operating over the summer, represents what Philpot described as "a beautiful combination" of the credit union's twin community investment priorities: supporting entrepreneurship and helping children and youth reach their full potential.

"As a Saskatchewan credit union, we're guided by cooperative principles that include concern for

community," she said. "This partnership checks every box. It's about creating opportunity, supporting social enterprise, and helping youth build brighter futures."

Conexus dedicates five per cent of its pre-tax profits to community investment each year — roughly \$1.6 million in 2025. The Safe Café aligns closely with that mission, Philpot said, creating a "thriving hub" that brings together Conexus staff, local entrepreneurs, park visitors, and young trainees gaining hands-on experience.

"There's a new energy in the building," Philpot said. "It's a wonderful meeting place for our employees, start-up founders at our business incubator Cultivator, and the broader community. It's about connection — that's the foundation of our name, Conexus."

The café's launch was supported by a \$10,000 grant from Concentra and EQ Bank's Empowering Your Community program — part of a national \$200,000 annual fund that supports social impact initiatives led by credit unions across Canada.

For Street Culture Project CEO Jeff Dudar, the opening marks an important milestone in his organization's 25-year history of helping vulnerable youth in Regina.

"The Safe Café and Catering is a space where nourishment fuels opportunity," Dudar said. "Every dollar generated here is an investment in our community and in our youth."

Street Culture Project, a Regina-based non-profit, operates programs that provide mentorship, housing, outreach and life-skills training for youth — many of whom face challenges such as homelessness, mental health issues, and addiction.

Last year alone, the organization supported more than 300 young people — three-quarters of whom were Indigenous — with 115 staff members facilitating more than 330 medical and counselling appointments. Its emergency youth shelter has been at full capacity for nearly three years, serving close to 5,000 overnight stays and 15,000 meals in one year.

"The need is enormous," Dudar said. "We must work together to reduce those numbers, for the sake of our youth, our staff, and our community. This partnership helps us do that."

The Safe Café not only generates much-needed revenue for those programs but also offers what Dudar calls "success alerts" — small but meaningful moments of progress for youth participants.

"Putting dishes in the dishwasher, attending school regularly, getting

a new doctor — these are huge wins," he said. "They're stepping stones toward stability, independence and belonging."

Through the café's employment and training model, young people learn skills ranging from food preparation and customer service to cash handling and teamwork.

"Lots of kids want to work at a coffee shop," Dudar told reporters. "They're excited to be here, to earn an income, and to be part of something. It's a safe, supportive environment where they can learn, make mistakes, and grow."

The café's operations follow a mentorship model, with youth employees starting in basic support roles, such as dishwashing, and can work their way up to barista or catering assistant.

"These skills are transferable," Dudar said. "Even if they move into construction or another field, they're learning punctuality, communication, and reliability — things that will serve them anywhere."

Street Culture also plans to host evening programming and community events in the café space, including workshops and youth gatherings. Recently, the café partnered with the Canadian Mental Health Association to host a pumpkin-carving night for teens.

"The café is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but we have access to the space into the evening," Dudar said. "We see it as another safe space in the city — a nucleus for youth programs and community connections."

For Philpot, partnerships like this are a natural extension of Conexus' role in the community.

"When we designed this building, we wanted it to be more than an office," she said. "We wanted it to be a community hub — a place where people could connect, collaborate, and build something meaningful together. There's so much opportunity in community. The question is: how do we get people talking to the right people at the right time? That's what spaces like this do — they connect people with purpose."

The model, she added, could inspire similar collaborations across the province.

"Credit unions are built on the principle of concern for community," Philpot said. "Other credit unions are already creating similar environments — spaces where business, community, and compassion intersect. We'd love to see more of that."

The café sources its coffee through The Coffee Five Project — a farmer-direct initiative connecting Colombian

growers to Canadian roasters. The beans are roasted by Regina's own 33 Coffee Roasters.

The food menu features locally inspired items created by the team and an eco-conscious focus that emphasizes sustainability and quality.

"Every cup of coffee, every catered order fuels job training, mentorship, and brighter futures," Dudar said. "It's good food with a good purpose."

Both Dudar and Philpot said they've been overwhelmed by the response from the community since the café's soft opening.

"The feedback's been incredible," Philpot said. "People love the food and

the atmosphere, but what they really connect with is the purpose behind it. You can feel it when you walk in."

Dudar echoed that sentiment. "Your presence here tells our youth that this city believes in them," he said during the opening ceremony. "No amount of gratitude is enough to thank the people who made this possible."

The Street Culture Project hopes to expand its employment programming in the months ahead, potentially increasing the number of youth placements at The Safe. It also plans to host "helper events," offering the public hands-on ways

to support the café and the organization's mission.

Meanwhile, Conexus continues to look for new ways to integrate social impact into its operations.

"Our youth are entering a very challenging economic environment," Philpot said. "Giving them opportunities to explore, to learn, to figure things out — that's the least we can do. Everyone deserves a start."

As the speeches ended and the scent of fresh coffee filled the air, guests mingled over perogies and Saskatoon berry tarts — the first of many shared meals in a space built on connection.

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30 years in business shows change at Whitewood Livestock

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

Whitewood Livestock Sales celebrated 30 years in business with an invitation for 'lunch on them' at their regular Tuesday sale last week. Serving cattle producers across south-eastern Saskatchewan and western Manitoba, Whitewood Livestock offered 3,500 head to be auctioned on that day as well.

The auction was purchased from longtime operators Francis Auction Service on Oct. 1, 1995, with auctioneer Gene Parks and two partners, Jimmy and his son Brad Martin, running the business located on the Trans-Canada highway just west of Whitewood.

Parks, who has two sons, is a world-renowned auctioneer and Jimmy Martin was involved in the cattle buying business for many years. At the time of purchase, Martin also operated the Martin Livestock Ltd. at Elkhorn, MB. that also had a feedlot in conjunction. Brad managed the Pipestone Live-

stock Sales in Pipestone, MB. that was also owned in conjunction with his father Jimmy and Gene Parks.

Rhett Parks got into the business in 1997 and with his dad Gene bought out the partners in 2002. Rhett is also an auctioneer and had previously told the Herald Sun, "Since I started, I've seen the record highs that we saw in prices a few years ago — to the record low that came with BSE — and every place in-between."

Expansions made

Expansion of the sale barn took place in 1998 that allowed for larger consignments and improved handling facilities. Introduction of computerized sale records in 2005 streamlined operations and improved transparency for buyers and sellers. In 2010, a record auction day was recorded with over 2,500 head sold, reflecting the growing reputation of Whitewood Livestock in the region. The 3,500 head offered this week in October 2025 shows the continued

growth of the industry. The addition of an online bidding platform added in 2013 undoubtedly has been an asset, allowing buyers from across Western Canada to participate in sales remotely.

Major facility renovations again took place in 2017 when upgraded pens, loading areas, and customer amenities were undertaken.

When COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, this temporarily shifted most sales online with Whitewood Livestock adapting quickly to maintain market access for producers.

The hybrid sales model launched in 2022, combining in-person and online bidding — a system that has now become standard practice.

Whitewood Auction has added Friday presort sales during the heavy market period in addition to their regular sales, bred cow and heifer sales and consignment sales.

"Over an 8-day stretch, we will be selling upwards of 9,000 cattle," Rhett Parks stated this past week.

"The market has adjusted. President Trump's comments and being in the middle of the fall run have been an influence," Parks added. "The bottom hasn't fallen out. Prices are significantly higher from a year ago. The prices are excellent," he added. "We may see the market rebound."

Throughout all variations, Parks states that Whitewood Livestock has worked to keep one important variable "fixed" — that being the commitment to everyone that comes through their door.

"We work for the producers, but we also work for the buyers. We have a good group of buyers, and we have a solid working relationship with them. When our buyers are happy — our producers will be happy too. So, we walk in the middle, and work to treat everyone well."

When Whitewood Livestock first began operating, the business was part of a strong network of rural auction markets that dotted the Prairies. Sale days were a community affair — producers came early for coffee, stayed late to visit, and often gauged the strength of the market by the buzz in the stands as much as by the prices on the board.

Over the past three decades, the livestock industry — and the auction business itself — has seen sweeping changes. The arrival of the real-time online bidding platforms brought buyers from across Canada and beyond into small-town auction rings like Whitewood's. Electronic ear tags and RFID systems have made record-keeping faster and more transparent. And while the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily shifted

many markets fully online, in-person auctions quickly rebounded as producers and buyers alike returned to the familiarity and trust of the live ring.

Prices

A look at the prices over the years shows that the 1995 average price for a 500 lb. steer calf was \$105/cwt; inflation-adjusted \$190/cwt price. Average price in 2025 is \$260/cwt (+148% change).

In 1995, a 700 lb. heifer brought an average price of \$95/cwt; inflation adjusted to \$172/cwt and the 2025 price average being \$240/cwt (+153% change).

A 1,200 lb. cow in 1995 was recorded at a selling price of \$45/cwt; inflation adjusted \$82/cwt and the 2025 price showing \$110/cwt (+144% change).

The inflation-adjusted prices were calculated using Bank of Canada CPI data and the 2025 average price are approximate averages from Saskatchewan auction reports.

While prices for cattle have risen sharply in nominal terms over 30 years, much of the in-

crease reflects general inflation. However, strong demand for quality prairie cattle and improvements in herd management and genetics have contributed to higher market values for livestock.

Connecting to markets

Despite the changes, the core of the business remains the same. Whitewood Livestock has earned a reputation for fairness, honest dealing, and commitment to its community. The operation has helped local ranchers market thousands of head of cattle each year, weathering droughts, BSE, and volatile global markets — always with the same small-town spirit that built it.

With steady demand for quality Saskatchewan cattle and expanding digital reach, the business continues to connect local producers to national and international markets — proving that even in a changing industry, community-based auction markets still have an essential role to play.

Broadview Centennial Lodge raises over \$10,000 toward renovation goal

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Broadview Centennial Lodge's 80s-themed Family Dance and Silent Auction fundraiser was a big success, raising nearly \$5,800 in one night and pushing the organization past the \$10,000 mark toward its \$25,000 fundraising goal.

The event, held on October 25 at the lodge, drew strong community support as residents came together for an evening of music, live entertainment, and fun — all in support of renovating the facility's activity room. Guests enjoyed desserts, a bar, and prizes for best dressed while bidding on a variety of silent auction

items generously donated by individuals and local businesses.

Organizers said the event would not have been possible without the countless donations and community involvement and that they are grateful for the generosity shown by everyone who attended, contributed auction items, or made donations.

Organizers also noted that, in addition to funds

raised at the event itself, several cash donations have since been received, bringing the total raised to just over \$10,000. The committee is continuing its efforts toward reaching the \$25,000 goal needed to complete the activity room renovation.

Donations to support the Broadview Centennial Lodge project can still be made by contacting the facility at 306-696-5530

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Dated this 5th day of November, 2025.

Audrey Ulmer,
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Shoebox Campaign includes local collection points

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Canada charity, in partnership with community collection locations, to bring holiday cheer to underprivileged children around the world.

The concept is simple: donors fill shoeboxes with gifts and Samaritan's Purse distributes them.

Since 1993, thousands of shoeboxes have been given to children in 170 different countries. The

initiative brings happiness to children and their families since every person enjoys receiving a gift. It also offers lasting hope because shoebox recipients are introduced to truths about Jesus and invited to participate in a 12-week program to learn more about the Bible's message.

Donors can use any empty cardboard shoebox

from their home, or a pre-printed one supplied by program organizers. The box should be labeled to indicate whether it is for a boy or girl, along with an appropriate age category (age two to four, five to nine, or 10 to 14).

Then it can be filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items. Food, toothpaste and lotion are not recommended.

Donors may include a personal note or photo if they wish, before delivering the shoebox to a designated drop off location. Additionally, financial donations are accepted; \$12 covers the cost of processing and shipping one shoebox.

In the Grasslands News area, Christmas shoe-



boxes will be accepted in Grenfell and Melville until Nov. 23.

Shoebboxes can be delivered to Grenfell Apostolic Church on Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday and Thurs-

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Donation to MACC

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Melville Branch recently donated \$500 to the Melville Association of Christian Churches (MACC) to assist in the continuation of work completed by MACC, their free meal program and community connection to bring awareness to mental health. From the left are, Jean Dales, Carol Maurer and Dee Bucholzer.

SGL reminds drivers to plan a safe ride home this holiday season

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

a busy stretch of social events, which makes it the perfect time to remind drivers that a few minutes of preparation can save a life," said JP Cullen, Chief Operating Officer of the Auto Fund.

"Whether you're attending an office party, sharing a family dinner or cheering on your favourite team, figure out how you'll get home before you start celebrating."

SGL is urging drivers to consider safe alternatives, including designating a sober driver, calling a friend or family member, taking a cab, rideshare or designated driving service, using public transit, or staying overnight if no other option is available.

As part of its ongoing impaired driving awareness campaign, SGL is also sharing real stories from Saskatchewan residents who have made the choice to find a safe ride. Those stories can be found on SGL's website and across its social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter) and LinkedIn.

The Crown insurer encourages others to join the conversation by sharing their own safe ride experiences using the hashtag #FindASafeRide.

The message is clear: as the holiday season ramps up, taking the time to plan ahead could save a life — possibly your own.

With holiday parties and year-end celebrations around the corner, Saskatchewan Government Insurance is reminding drivers that a safe ride home should always be part of their plans.

The November Traffic Safety Spotlight is focused on impaired driving, encouraging motorists to think ahead before drinking or using drugs.

SGL says too many collisions and fatalities continue to be linked to impaired driving — something that can easily be avoided with a few minutes of planning.

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Obituary **Edna Emma Brock** (Schmidt) nee Mann Feb. 10, 1938 - Oct. 20, 2025 - Age 87

It is with great sadness and shock that the family of Edna Brock announce her passing on Monday, October 20, 2025 at the age of 87 at St. Peter's Hospital, Melville, SK.

Edna Emma Brock (nee Mann) was born Feb. 10, 1938 to Henry and Emma Mann (nee Heuchert) on the family farm southeast of Melville. She was the youngest of six siblings.

Edna attended Melville View Country and the Runeberg Schools.

On Sept. 3, 1956, Edna married Lawrence Wilfred Schmidt and resided in Melville for a period of time before moving to several different places around Saskatchewan following Lawrence's work.

They were blessed with the birth of their baby girl Dawn Eileen Malasky (nee Schmidt) on Feb. 10, 1957 and a son Lloyd Harvey Schmidt on April 28, 1963.

Edna's career was comprised of jobs centered around (serving or helping) people. From the King George Restaurant to Safeway and then onto Zellers in Yorkton as one of her final working places. She was a caring, kind and friendly woman so these choices suited her well.

Her husband Lawrence passed away suddenly in 1983 while they resided in Otthon, SK.

Also during this time between 1983 and 1987 four grandbabies arrived. She loved each and every one of them. Ensuring they never left her house empty handed.

In 1990 Edna married Jim Brock with her grandchildren as part of her wedding party. They resided in Yorkton and later moved to Willowbrook and then settled in and around Melville after her retirement. She was currently residing in Melville.

Edna was famous for her baking and cooking. Chocolate cake, rhubarb pies, apple strudel as well as her famous cabbage rolls and buns amongst several other delicious dishes. No one ever left her house hungry and without a small treasure in a bag to eat later.

She also volunteered with the Thrift Shop, MACC as well as on the Church Auxiliary at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She was a very faithful member of the church.

She was a loving, caring and very kind person and will be missed dearly by all those who knew her.

Edna was predeceased by her parents Henry and Emma Mann; brother Jack and wife Betty Mann; brother Philip Mann; sister Elizabeth (Betty) and Hugh Kenty; sister Ottillia; brother-in-law John Sagan; husband, Lawrence Schmidt; daughter Dawn Malasky. Also many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and parents-in-law.

She is survived by her husband James Brock; son Lloyd and wife Val Schmidt; granddaughter Nicole Schmidt; grandson Lance (Carly) Schmidt; granddaughters Kristyn (Jason) Dragon; Lauren (Chad) Katchorek, great-granddaughter Callie; son-in-law Tim (Deb) Malasky; sister Anna Sagan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

A visitation was held Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025 at Matthews Funeral Home, Melville, conducted by Margaret-Anne Yost.

The funeral service was held Monday, Nov. 3, 2025 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melville, conducted by Deacon Kevin Prouten. Music and solo was by Brenda Lee Cottrell and readers were Dorothy Sagan and Judith Silverthorne.

Interment took place at the Melville City Cemetery with pallbearers Richard Sagan, Edward Sagan, Jack Richards, Rob Morrell, Brian Cottrell and Aldon Schick.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville.



Obituary **Donald Hilton Carter** Sept. 21, 1943 - Oct. 31, 2025

Donald Hilton Carter was born on Sept. 21, 1943, in Grenfell, Sask. He left us peacefully on Friday, Oct. 31, 2025 in Kipling, Sask.

Don grew up in the Windthorst area and was a resident of the community for all of his 82 years.

He was predeceased by his parents Harold and Mary Ellen (Nellie) Carter; son Corey Holonics; sister-in-law Darlene Heron and brothers-in-law Bill Heron and Don Sinclair.

Don leaves behind his loving wife Coreen; four daughters: Michele King (Ken), Paula Swanson (Dave), Sheila Carter (Drew) and Rhonda Holonics; nine grandchildren: Aaron, Ashley, Christopher, Jessica, Jonathon, Justine, Kyle, Carter and Kayden and sixteen great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his two brothers, Brian (Linda) Carter and Grant (Donna) Carter; sisters-in-law, Anne Sinclair and Brenda (Edgar) Rosentreter; brother-in-law Brian (Deb) Corscadden; along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A graveside service will be held in the Windthorst Cemetery on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. with officiant Lynette Callfas. A celebration of Don will follow in the Windthorst Community Recreation Centre.

In lieu of flowers, Don requested that if anyone wishes to make a donation they could do so to, Kipling Integrated Health Centre Long Term Care, Activity Fund, Box 420, Kipling, SK S0G 2S0.

Online condolences may be made at www.tubmanfh.com



Obituary **Rosemary (Sue) Susan Villeneuve Flaman** Jan. 22, 1960 - Oct. 21, 2025

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Rosemary (Sue) Susan Villeneuve Flaman on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, at the age of 65 years.

Sue was born on Jan. 22, 1960, and preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Ellen Yuhas.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Greg Flaman, and daughter Candis Villeneuve, as well as family and friends who loved her dearly.

Sue was a deeply caring and loving person, and her loss leaves a deep hole in our family. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, at St. Mary's Anglican Church, with the Rev. Cheryl Johnson officiating. Pianist Ruth Towill led the congregation in the hymns. Stephanie Flaman, Cassidy Flaman and Kelly Flaman delivered the eulogy. Interment followed in the Whitewood Cemetery with Eric Flaman acting as urn bearer.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Whitewood and Melville.



Obituary **Heather Margaret Kardash** March 22, 1950 - Oct. 23, 2025

On Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025 our hearts became heavy with the passing of Heather Margaret Kardash, at the age of 75 years.

Heather was born on March 22, 1950, the fifth child of Alec and Evangeline Forrest of Grenfell, Sask.

Heather is survived by her children, Faron (Rhonda) Kardash and Fawn Flaman; and grandchildren, Kale and Ethan Flaman; Ashlynn, Kailee, Kaedan and Kaiya Kardash.

Mom was full of magic. Everything she made, grew or refurbished was of true quality. She always had an ear to listen to you with an open heart. Mom had our backs through tough times and would give everything to ensure you were taken care of. She was home.

We would like to thank the Balcarres Integrated Care Home family for taking care of our mom while she lived there.

A Celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217 intends to consider the adoption of two bylaws under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*. The RM will establish a new Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

Intent: The proposed Official Community Plan bylaw will establish municipal land use policies, goals and objectives for the RM. The proposed Zoning Bylaw will implement land use regulations, establish zoning districts, prescribe permitted and discretionary uses within each zoning district, establish a development permit process, prescribe a process for appeals and provide a provision for amendments.

Affected Land: The proposed bylaws will affect all land within the incorporated area of the RM.

Reason: The Official Community Plan will provide the RM with direction on development decisions and municipal goals. The Zoning Bylaw will help direct and manage growth and development within the RM.

Public Inspection: Any person may inspect the proposed bylaws at the Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217 office at 226 Main Street Lipton during normal office hours Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies are available at cost.

Public Hearing: Council will hold a public hearing on December 16th, 2025 at 8 a.m. at the RM office located at 226 Main Street, Lipton, SK to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing.

Issued at the RM of Lipton No. 217 this 31st day of October, 2025.

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Remembrance Day in Balcarres

By Judy Hershmillier
Grasslands News

Legion poppy trays are now available throughout the town of Balcarres and tickets are being sold for this year's quilt raffle which is on display at Balcarres Agencies Ltd. The draw for the quilt will take place at the Remembrance Day ceremony.

The Balcarres Legion invites you all to join to honour the men and women of the Canadian

Armed Forces who served and are serving, allowing for our freedom.

Coming Events in Balcarres

Tues. Nov 11: The Royal Canadian Legion Balcarres Branch Remembrance Day ceremony in the Balcarres Lions Hall 10:30 a.m. Please be seated for the march on, and the minute of silence at the 11th hour. This will be followed by the service and laying of the wreathes. There will be a guest speak present.

Participants and attendees are welcome to remain at the hall for a light

lunch and social following the service.

Nov. 20 and Nov 21: Christmas themed Garage Sale and Bake Sale at the Balcarres Golden Age Centre. Thursday hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes the Christmas garage sale and bake sale together. Friday will include only the Christmas garage sale from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nov. 29: Making it Happen Trade Show and

Craft Fair sponsored by Union Art Collective Inc., a non-profit charity. B's Knees will be in attendance. For more information contact Chrystal Parkins 1-306-795-5325.

Dec. 12 13, 14: Calling Lakes Choir annual Christmas program. The choir is also planning to participate in the annual Christmas program in Regina on Nov. 25 at Knox Metropolitan Church.

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Pin the Poppy
The Robert G. Combe VC Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 in Melville launched its Remembrance Day Poppy Campaign Oct. 31 with the ceremonial pinning of the first poppy on Mayor Joe Kirwan and the raising of the Remembrance Day Flag. From the left is Trevor Bancarz, Mayor Kirwan, Branch president Mark Matthews and Poppy Chairman Brian Morris.

JACOB MILLER | GRASSLANDS NEWS

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

Village of Neudorf

Province of Saskatchewan

Notice is hereby given under the *Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before January 7, 2026, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by Subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

Description of Property	Title Number	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears & Costs
LOT 3-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN C3684 EXT 0	157252754	\$1,123.57	\$247.72	\$1,371.29
LOT 4-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN C3684 EXT 0	157252765			
LOT 5-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN C3684 EXT 0	157252776	\$1,190.69	\$252.01	\$1,442.70
LOT 6-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN C3684 EXT 0	157252787			
LOT 2-BLK/PAR 9-PLAN C4361 EXT 0	149884925	\$1,234.39	\$419.95	\$1,654.34
LOT 2-BLK/PAR 14-PLAN J1295 EXT 4	156587057	\$1,303.96	\$258.28	\$1,562.24

* On January 1, 2026 the 2025 taxes will become arrears and be added to the amount required to remove the property from tax enforcement proceedings. Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2025. **Linda Jansen, Chief Administrative Officer**

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

RM OF NORTH QU'APPELLE NO. 187

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN


Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before January 6, 2026, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

Description of Property	Title No.	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
LOT 22-BLK/PAR 6-PLAN 102030646 EXT 0	151430565	\$603.42	\$398.00	\$1,001.42
LOT 21-BLK/PAR 6-PLAN 102030646 EXT 0	151430543	\$478.07	\$398.00	\$876.07
LOT 5-BLK/PAR 3-PLAN 101956776 EXT 0	156848316	\$1,140.57	\$454.00	\$1,594.57

*On January 1, 2026 the 2025 taxes will become arrears and be added to the amount required to remove the property from tax enforcement. Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2025. **Charmain Wowk, Administrator**




Public Notice

RM of Lajord No. 128

Notice of Other Use Application

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 pursuant to Section 55 of *The Planning and Development Act 2007* and as per the regulations of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 Zoning bylaw No. 2022-13 as amended, intends to consider an other use application as described below:



Proposed Discretionary Use: The proposed other use is for a dwelling group in a Country Residential 1 District.

Affected Lands: The parcel of land subject to this other use application is located on SE and SW 23-13-16 W2.

Public Inspection: Any person may inspect the proposed other use development permit application at the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 office during regular working hours.

Public Participation: Council will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the other use development application on November 13, 2023 at 1:30pm at the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 office.

Issued at the RM of Lajord No. 128 on October 21, 2025.

Lynette Herauf, Chief Administrative Officer

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Description of Property	Title No.	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
LOT 12-BLK/PAR 7-PLAN 27449 EXT 0	156977241	\$2,130.63	\$434.00	\$2,564.63
LOT 13-BLK/PAR 7-PLAN 27449 EXT 19	156977252			
LOT 4-BLK/PAR 19-PLAN 27449 EXT 0	148609378	\$3,056.92	\$434.00	\$3,490.92
LOT 13-BLK/PAR 26-PLAN 101373184 EXT 44	156738572	\$1,498.04	\$378.00	\$1,876.04
LOT 14-BLK/PAR 26-PLAN 101373184 EXT 45	156738583			
LOT 20-BLK/PAR 34A-PLAN 63R25775 EXT 0	141595779	\$3,342.79	\$434.00	\$3,776.79
LOT 5-BLK/PAR 38-PLAN OLD434 EXT 0	142859818	\$2,333.45	\$434.00	\$2,767.45
LOT 6-BLK/PAR 38-PLAN OLD434 EXT 0	142859830			
LOT 7-BLK/PAR 38-PLAN OLD434 EXT 0	142859841			
LOT 8-BLK/PAR 38-PLAN OLD434 EXT 0	142859852			
LOT 9-BLK/PAR 38-PLAN OLD434 EXT 0	142859874			
LOT 11-BLK/PAR 45-PLAN 27449 EXT 0	140785241	\$1,990.67	\$378.00	\$2,368.67
LOT 9-BLK/PAR 49-PLAN OLD434 EXT 0	136362067	\$1,900.33	\$434.00	\$2,334.33
LOT 27-BLK/PAR 49-PLAN 101375748 EXT 32	136362090			
LOT 6-BLK/PAR 50-PLAN 49544 EXT 0	133226108	\$1,947.69	\$434.00	\$2,381.69
LOT 20-BLK/PAR 56-PLAN 63R43408 EXT 0	153342895	\$1,200.49	\$434.00	\$1,634.49
LOT 4-BLK/PAR 64-PLAN K149 EXT 27	150030201	\$1,287.35	\$434.00	\$1,721.35
LOT 11-BLK/PAR 64-PLAN 101376839 EXT 26	150030188			

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Dated this 31st day of October, 2025. **Cam Thauberger, Administrator**

Last Post Fund continues promise to veterans

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

A century-old promise to ensure no veteran is ever forgotten remains alive thanks to the dedication of volunteers like Major Brad Hrycyna of the Last Post Fund, who shared the story of that mission during the launch of the Royal Canadian Legion's 2025 Poppy Campaign on Oct. 29 at Government House in Regina.

The Last Post Fund was established in 1909 after South African War veteran Arthur Hair personally paid for the burial of a destitute soldier, Trooper James Daly, to ensure he received a dignified funeral and marked

grave. Hair's compassion inspired the creation of a fund that continues to this day, providing funeral, burial and headstone support for veterans who die without financial means.

"It began with one man's act of respect," Hrycyna told the audience of dignitaries, veterans and community leaders. "The mission remains the same — that no veteran is ever deprived of a dignified funeral, burial and headstone for lack of funds."

Speaking at the event, Hrycyna focused on the Unmarked Grave Program, one of the Fund's most meaningful initiatives. Established in 1996 in partnership with Veterans Affairs Canada, the program identifies veter-

ans buried without proper markers.

Originally expected to locate about 2,000 unmarked graves, the program has since identified more than 12,000, with another thousand still awaiting permanent markers.

As both a member of the Fund's board and a volunteer researcher, Hrycyna has taken responsibility for cemeteries in Swift Current and the Fields of Honour in Regina's Riverside Cemetery. In Swift Current alone, he discovered 23 temporary grave markers and confirmed that 17 belonged to veterans.

The work is unpaid and meticulous, requiring hours of archival research and cross-referencing ser-

vice records. But for Hrycyna, it's about ensuring respect and closure.

He recounted the case of Corporal Denis Denniel, a Second World War veteran from Swift Current whose grave had been marked only by a wooden cross and a misspelled name. After extensive research — including archival searches and help from local Legion members — Hrycyna confirmed Denniel's service record, which included landing on D-Day and being wounded in action.

With that confirmation, he successfully petitioned the Last Post Fund to prioritize Daniel's headstone installation ahead of the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The new headstone was unveiled on May 17, 2024, at a ceremony attended by family members, Legion Branch 56 representatives and local media.

"For his niece, it was the chance to say a proper goodbye after 56 years," Hrycyna said. "That's what this program is about — remembrance, dignity and family."



Last Post Fund
Major Brad Hrycyna of the Last Post Fund speaks during the launch of the Royal Canadian Legion's 2025 Poppy Campaign.

RYAN KIEDROWSKI | GRASSLANDS NEWS

RM OF EDENWOLD No. 158

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Amend the Zoning Bylaw

Pursuant to Section 207 of The Planning and Development Act, 2007, the Council of the RM of Edenwold No.158 gives notice to amend Zoning Bylaw 2019-20 as follows:

Bylaw No. 2025-22 - Zoning Map Change: - To rezone 4.05 hectares (10.0 acres) in proposed Parcel A, LS 14 8-17-17 W2M (shown on the map below) from AR - Agricultural Resource District to CR1 – Country Residential 1 District.

Intent: To make the appropriate Zoning Bylaw amendment to accommodate the subdivision of an existing residential yard site from the rest of the quarter section.

Public Inspection: Any person may inspect the bylaw online at www.rmedenwold.ca or at the RM of Edenwold No. 158's office, 100 Hutchence Road, Emerald Park, Saskatchewan between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM from Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost.

Public Hearing: Council will hold a public hearing to receive submissions, written or verbal, on the proposed bylaw at 10:00 a.m. (local time) on Tuesday, December 9th, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the RM of Edenwold No. 158, 100 Hutchence Road, Emerald Park, Saskatchewan. Written submissions will be presented to Council and can be sent by mail or email. For further information please contact Jessica McCartney, Senior Planner at (306) 540-5600 or planning@edenwold-sk.ca.

Dated this 27th day of October at Emerald Park, in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Shauna Bzdel, Chief Administrative Officer

RM OF EDENWOLD No. 158

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Pursuant to Section 207 of The Planning and Development Act, 2007, the Council of the RM of Edenwold No.158 gives notice to amend Zoning Bylaw 2019-20 as follows:

Bylaw No. 2025-22 - Zoning Map Change: - To rezone 8.90 hectares (22.0 acres) in proposed Parcel A, NW ¼ 36-18-18 W2M (shown on the map below) from AR - Agricultural Resource District to CR1 – Country Residential 1 District.

Intent: To make the appropriate Zoning Bylaw amendment to accommodate the subdivision of an existing residential yard site from the rest of the quarter section.

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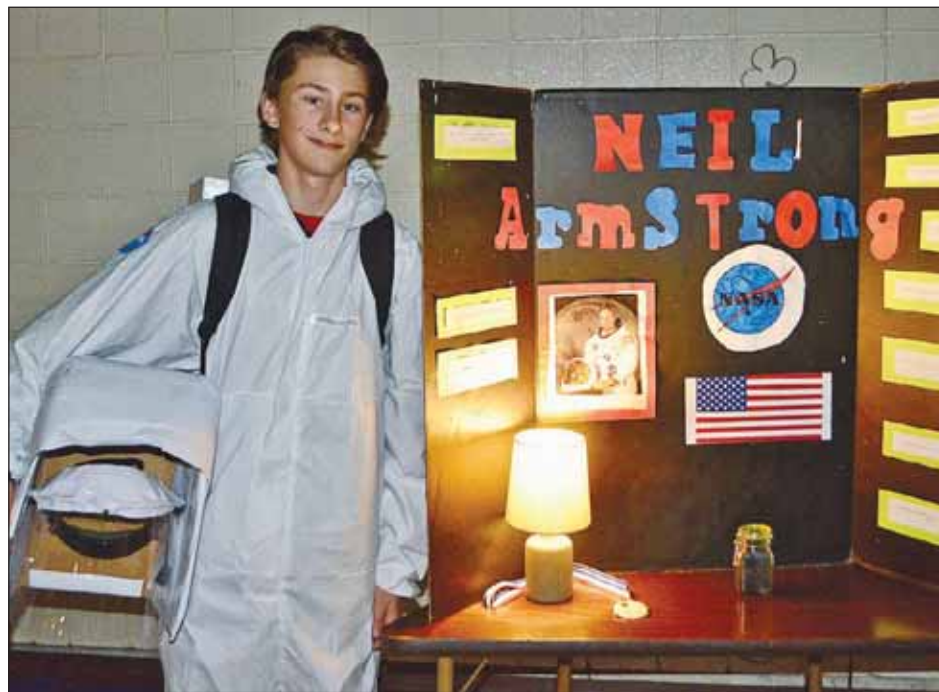
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Brody Thompson portrayed singer Ozzy Osbourne during the Haunted History presentation at James Hamblin School.

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Nixon Bernier-Gravel portrayed astronaut Neil Armstrong during the Haunted History presentation at James Hamblin School.

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Historical figures return to life at Haunted History

By Sarah Pacio
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On Oct. 31, education merged with Halloween to provide students at James Hamblin School with a unique introduction to famous people.

Each autumn, both students and community members in Qu'Appelle look forward to the 20-year tradition known as Haunted History. Lights are dimmed in the school gym to create a spooky atmosphere and, rather than disguising themselves as zombies or witches, the Grade 7 and 8 class dresses up as influential individuals from the past.

The innovative assignment covers a variety of

curriculum requirements for subjects like ELA, art and social studies. A few weeks before Halloween, students eagerly select the historical figures they will portray. They thoroughly research their chosen character, write an autobiographical report and design a display with pictures and interesting facts. They also develop public speaking skills by preparing to bring the monarch, musician, artist or author they have chosen back to life and answer questions from that person's perspective.

On Halloween, younger students visit the gym and have an opportunity to interview the presenters, who must remain in char-

acter. This year's event included musicians Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Karen Carpenter, Ella Fitzgerald and Ozzy Osbourne. There were also actresses Judy Garland and Maggie Smith, authors Roald Dahl and Jane Austen, and artist Bob Ross. The field of science was represented by Marie Curie, Isaac Newton and Jane Goodall. Other students showcased the accomplishments of Neil Armstrong, Joan of Arc, Queen Elizabeth II, and Florence Nightingale.

Students were well-prepared and fluently recited the personal history they had memorized for their character. Their display boards and props demonstrated creativity and were

visually interesting. One girl, who introduced herself as Jane Goodall, carried a stuffed chimpanzee; another wore a lace veil and held a lantern while she talked about Florence Nightingale's responsibilities as a nurse. Neil Armstrong carried a space helmet when he spoke about landing on the moon, and Bob Ross stood beside a painting and colourful display board.

While in character, students were asked what they wanted people to remember about them. Several described challenges they faced and said they hoped their perseverance and determination would be an inspiration for other people. The student portraying Ozzy Osbourne mentioned that he was bullied for having ADHD and dyslexia but had a lot of support from his parents and became a successful

musician. Others who researched Jane Austen and Florence Nightingale said it was difficult to pursue a career in nursing or writing as a woman, yet they still accomplished great things.

Interest in the Haunted History event extends beyond the student body because community members are invited to tour the displays and interact with the students, too. Volunteers from the school staff or community also participate as judges. This year's judges included school Principal Stacy Sandberg, Librarian Tracy Atteberry, custodian Greg Ciortan and Qu'Appelle Daycare director Kelly Kuntz. Last Friday afternoon, they viewed the seventeen displays arranged around the gym perimeter and conversed with the students. The judges rated each student's display board,

portrayal and knowledge of the historical figure's personal experience. The judges' feedback was reviewed, and prizes were awarded to the top three presenters: first place went to Iris Pihrag as Jane Austen, second to Jenny Taylor as Florence Nightingale; and third to Rian Arthur as Bob Ross.

Although former staff member Tim Radwanski initiated the Haunted History event several years ago, teacher Ian Pacio has continued the tradition.

"Not only is it a good tradition for kids to dress up in purposeful attire, it is educational and curricular-based," Pacio said.

He also observed that children who grow up in the community enjoy seeing the different presentations each Halloween and eagerly anticipate their turn to impersonate a historical figure.

Businesses working to revive IH's Chamber of Commerce

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There is renewed enthusiasm among business owners in Indian Head for participation in a chamber of commerce. In 2013, Indian Head and District Chamber of Commerce was established but it has been relatively inactive for the past few years. With a growing number of new businesses in the community, entrepreneurs are keen to revive the chamber.

Susie Hilton, owner of Grace & Thyme Antiques, observed that eleven businesses have opened new storefronts on or near Grand Ave. since she moved to Indian Head in 2022. Additionally, three businesses are under new ownership. Hilton and others feel that renewing interest in the local chamber of commerce will benefit businesses and the community.

"It's a good avenue for business owners to really work together to support each other. It's another resource to help support and keep businesses strong in our community," Hilton explained. "The chamber offers a wealth of business information; there's a portal online that members can download information from, if they're having a particular concern about something."

She added that chambers of commerce provide a "collective voice" for business owners in a local community and also exist at the provincial and federal level to advocate for businesses.

Sharon McPhie of Scot's Printing has been the treasurer for Indian Head and District Chamber of Commerce for sev-

eral years and is responsible for collecting membership fees. The dues for the local chamber are \$100 per business or \$25 for a non-profit organization (associate member) and this grants access to a variety of beneficial resources.

McPhie is glad to see the chamber resume activities. She said it provides valuable networking opportunities and promotes communication between local businesses. Another advantage is a group benefits package available to chamber members for their employees. The chamber also hosts information meetings or professional development workshops on topics relevant to businesses. For example, an accountant may speak with members about financial reports.

Last month, the Indian Head Chamber of Commerce hosted a breakfast at The Wooden Nickel to gauge interest in the organization. After the meal, Tenielle Bogdan from the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation about the role of a chamber at both the local and provincial level. Fifteen people attended and four new businesses have joined the Indian Head Chamber. In response to positive feedback, another breakfast meeting is planned for 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 19 at The Wooden Nickel. A guest speaker will share information about the health benefits package available through the chamber. This will be followed by an AGM at 9:30 a.m., as part of the necessary process to resume regular chamber activities.

For more information or to join the chamber, contact Sharon McPhie at Scot's Printing or Susie Hilton at Grace & Thyme.



Heritage Club Halloween

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Indian Head Heritage Club offers a variety of social and fitness activities for community members ages 50 and over. On Nov. 1, the club hosted a Halloween Party and participants enjoyed an afternoon of games and socializing. Upcoming events include a Christmas Party on Nov. 30 featuring Chester the Magician. Doors open at 5 p.m. and a pre-show starts at 5:30 p.m. Supper will start at 6:30 p.m., catered by The Wooden Nickel, with the main show following the meal. Tickets cost \$40 and are available at Indian Head Pharmasave or by contacting Linda Orban at 306-660-7052 or lorban407@gmail.com, or Barb Johnson at 306-695-3643 or barb.johnson@sasktel.net.